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Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to attend the <u>2025 Operational Activities for Development segment of the Economic and Social Council</u> (ECOSOC), to be held from Tuesday, 20 May to Thursday, 22 May 2025, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Segment will address the overarching theme: "Keeping the promise on sustainable development in times of uncertainty – The United Nations development system delivering for results."

The Segment will focus on the coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and impact of the United Nations operational activities for development. It is the forum for strategic guidance and overall coordination of the United Nations development system, including the resident coordinator system. It also serves as the accountability and oversight platform for system-wide performance and results.

In December 2024, the General Assembly's adoption of resolution <u>79/226</u> on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development (QCPR) set out key priorities for the development system's support. With these key policy orientations, the Segment will be the first opportunity for Member States to guide the work of the United Nations development system to implement the QCPR and increase its contribution to countries over the new quadrennial cycle.

In recent years we have witnessed growing stress on global solidarity and commitment to delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The United Nations development system plays a critical role in supporting the countries and people most in need. Given the significance of the Segment and its guidance in this context, your personal participation will make a pivotal contribution to the discussion and its overall outcome. I encourage you to fully engage at the highest level throughout the deliberations.

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York

For your reference, I am attaching a preliminary programme which will be regularly updated. This and other documentation for the Segment will be available on the 2025 Operational Activities for Development segment website: https://ecosoc.un.org/en/what-wedo/oas-qcpr/quick-links/2025-operational-activities-development-segment.

For any questions about the Segment, please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, at qcpr@un.org.

I look forward to you and your Government's active participation at the Segment.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

H.E. Ambassador Krzysztof Szczerski Vice President of ECOSOC

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