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Implementation of General Assembly resolution 79/226**

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Honourable Secretary-General,
Distinguished Chair,

First I would like to express appreciation for a comprehensive presentation of the QCPR report, which reflects the UN Development System's effective response to national SDG priorities in programme countries. At the same time, it is regrettable that UNDS financial contributions declined by 16% in 2023, reflecting the increasing redirection of funding towards humanitarian response.

In today's challenging context, the UNDS activities should adhere to the principle of humanitarian-development-peace nexus, ensuring that immediate needs of the most vulnerable are met while building the foundation for long-term stability and resilience.

Particular attention should be given to the countries in special situations that face disproportionate challenges and additional burdens in financing their development priorities. The UNDS should strike a balanced approach—combining policy advice with support for partnerships, access to STI, and sustainable infrastructure, taking into account the multidimensional vulnerabilities of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDs, as well as MICs.

Dear colleagues,

Five years into the RC System reform, we have clearer picture on its relevance and impact. Currently Armenia is elaborating its second SDCF, and given the interlinked challenges that Armenia faces today, such as the massive influx of 115.000 forcibly displaced refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh, reoccurring natural disasters and social-economic challenges, we hope to have action-oriented document fully aligned with our national priorities.

In conclusion we reiterate the need to reinvigorate the multilateral system to strengthen UN's institutional capacities to deliver better response. We look forward to the deliberations on Secretary-General's UN80 initiative to increase efficiencies while ensuring the proper delivery of much needed development assistance.

I thank you.