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Statement

At the interactive discussion

*Supporting countries in implementing the SDGs in complex settings: interlinkages
between development and peacebuilding*

ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment

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Mr. Vice-President of ECOSOC,

Let me first thank you for your leadership in organizing this segment. Discussions during this segment regarding implementation of QCPR resolution and UN80 initiative will help further align the whole of the UN system to better support countries on their path to sustainable development, peace and security.

We do not live our lives in silos, nor can we have our institutions work in silos. This segment provides an opportunity to identify ways to achieve synergies across all three pillars of the UN to realize sustainable development, peace and prosperity. The last year's QCPR resolution recognizes the positive role of sustainable development in mitigating drivers of conflicts and the need for a comprehensive whole-of-system response, including greater cooperation, coherence, coordination and complementarity to achieve SDGs. This is also recognized both in the 2030 Agenda where peace is one of the 5Ps and in the Pact for the Future that calls for strengthened cooperation between ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission to identify and address root causes of conflict.

In this regard, we, as Member States, represented in different governing boards need to have unified position there and at the General Assembly, ECOSOC and the PBC and identify ways to work together on peacebuilding and sustaining peace through RC system and UN country teams, in cooperation with heads of peace operations where applicable and Peacebuilding fund to make development more peace sensitive.

There has to be a better coordination across development, humanitarian, and peace efforts to achieve coherence and synergy and more systemic cooperation with IFIs and regional development banks.

For years, we have been saying that results are not being measured by a number of resolutions, and I would add, nor by sheer number of projects, but by the impact that they make on people's lives. It is time we start moving from outputs to impacts and outcomes. I hope that OAS will continue on this path in the years to come.

I thank you.