



PHILIPPINES

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Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,

We align with the statement of the G77 and China and have the following comments in our national capacity.

We thank the Deputy Secretary-General for the comprehensive report on the DCO and RC system. The report shows that the RC system continues to evolve in the right direction – to be part of the solution – working with countries as we strive to achieve the SDGs in accordance with national development priorities.

We appreciate the collaboration with the UN Country Team in the Philippines on disaster risk reduction in the face of natural disasters and on our advocacies for middle-income countries, and South-South Cooperation, including in the Asia-Pacific region, among others.

Reform and recalibration are an ongoing process. We hope that in the process of reform, substantive and tailored support is not sacrificed, particularly for the specific challenges and transition pathways for middle-income countries, whose successes can create ripple effects in the world economy.

We see the RC system as central to the UN delivering as one on the ground. The new generation UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks have played an important role, in this regard. Yet, we continue to see certain operational challenges in aligning various Country Programme Documents of UN agencies, and look forward to further improvements. The idea of one common document among UN entities, as

mentioned by the DSG yesterday, is interesting and could be one way forward.

We also see room for improvement in terms of reporting and monitoring of the Sustainable Cooperation Framework, and equitable geographic representation in the appointment of RCs.

In the face of growing uncertainties and volatility, we need to preserve and strengthen the sustainable development pillar of the UN through adequate and predictable funding, especially regular and unearmarked funding.

Likewise, leveraging other sources of development finance, such as from the private sector, and working on long-term investments, in particular digital transformation, sustainable infrastructure, and human capital development are needed.

The UNDS and RC system, with the leadership of the DSG and DCO, must be empowered by Member States to continue their work and implement the QCPR.

Delivering on development is one of the key tests to rebuild trust in the UN and multilateralism. Forging partnerships, and strengthening the UN's capacity to make a difference, is our collective way forward.

Thank you.