

ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment (OAS) 2025

Item 9: Supporting countries in implementing the SDGs in complex settings

Statement by Germany

- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,
- Germany welcomes the continued efforts of the UN Development System to strengthen coordination and coherence across all sectors - including in fragile and conflict-affected settings.
- According to the latest States of Fragility report, no context affected by extreme fragility is on track to achieve the SDGs. At a time of growing needs and declining resources, greater effectiveness, coordination, and complementarity are more urgent than ever.
- We recognize the increasing complexity of crisis contexts and the need for integrated approaches that link short-term responses with long-term development goals and peacebuilding outcomes. As outlined in our National Security Strategy, we follow a comprehensive approach of Integrated Security, which calls for stronger linkages between peace and development efforts across all sectors.
- In this regard, Germany emphasizes that sustainable, long-term development must not be postponed in crisis contexts. Rather, it must be pursued proactively with the necessary agility to adjust programming and reallocate resources in line with evolving conditions on the ground.
- We welcome the efforts of the DCO in supporting Resident Coordinators through the deployment of rapid surge capacities. These provide crucial support in enabling flexible, demand-driven, and context-specific engagement and recalibration.
- To fulfill their coordination mandate effectively, RC offices must be strengthened to lead UN Country Teams and partners toward shared objectives and integrated responses.
- Finally, I would like to reiterate that coordination and collaboration are not only essential in acute crisis settings but should also guide our efforts on conflict prevention. In times of record-low prevention spendings, new partnerships for prevention are urgently needed to do more with less.
- Thank you.