

**Intervention by EU and Member States at ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment, High-level interactive dialogue with the UN Secretary-General**

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- Thank you Secretary-General for your report, and for being with us today.
- For the EU and its Member States, let me thank you and DSG Amina Mohammed, and all staff of the UN Development System for the results achieved since your last report.
- With you, we are proud of the joint progress, including a growing budget channelled through the UN Development System – 46.5 billion USD in 2021 – increased core funding (despite recent worrying trends), a well-functioning RC-system only in its 5<sup>th</sup> year of implementation, and efficiency gains of 405 million USD last year.
- However, progress on reaching the SDGs by 2030 has stalled and is unequal, which is highly worrisome. Achieving the SDGs has become so much more difficult with COVID, conflict, inflation and debt. Slow progress on democratisation and good governance has not helped either. IFIs could reform faster.
- The UN Development System is a key asset in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The UNDS needs to be able to deliver on the ambitions and commitments that will flow from the upcoming SDG Summit. By improved coordination and effectiveness, joint programming and joint results delivery at country level, the UNDS can show that it is up to speed.
- The funding of the resident coordinator system remains a major source of preoccupation. The EU and its Member States contribute to the RC system through all its financing pillars. We are looking forward to your detailed proposals for a new funding model and will positively engage in this debate, which should be thorough, looking at possible options, including assessed contributions but also other elements.

- May I use the occasion to address two questions to the SG:
- Firstly, what are the next steps in the discussion on the resident coordinator system financing?
- Secondly, how do you see the resident coordinators' role in convening not only the UN family in countries, but also the broader donor community and other stakeholders?
  
- I thank you.