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Mr. Vice-President,

On behalf of the Delegation of Armenia I would like to thank the Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed for the presentation of the Report of the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group.

We appreciate the efforts of the United Nations Development System in assisting governments in their response to recover from the pandemic, responding to the multiple and interlinked challenges to support the accelerated implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in line with the national priorities.

Armenia supported the reform of the UN Development System (UNDS) to strengthen its capacities and adaptability to evolving and future global challenges with a view to promote a more coherent and system-wide approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through a stronger coordination by the Resident Coordinators.

We hope that the Report presented today, including the findings of the revised multi-annual RC system Results Framework, would help Member states and development partners to get more transparent and data driven information on the efficiency and added value of the repositioned UNDS.

To promote the efficient and proper functioning of the reinvigorated RC system there is a strong need to ensure timely selection and appointment of Resident Coordinators. Notwithstanding the measures to advance the recruitment process and enhance the talent pipeline, there are still setbacks in this area affecting continuity and sustainability of the UN country teams' leadership.

In our neighborhood we have observed certain attempts to instrumentalize the RC system and the UN programmatic cooperation to legitimize the consequences of use of force and flagrant violations of human rights and international humanitarian law.

A major challenge remains the issue of the international development assistance to all conflict-affected people, particularly those deprived of the direct cooperation and communication with the United Nations and its agencies. We would like to underscore the need for a closer coordination and synergy across development, peacebuilding and humanitarian action in conflict settings to leave no one behind.

Mr. Vice-President,

Armenia remains committed to inclusive and human rights based programmatic cooperation with the UNDS and look forward to efficient cooperation with the Development Coordination Office in order to promote coherent response to the complex challenges of the RC system and advance implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thank you.