

- Japan strongly supports the development system reform, and is grateful for today's opportunity to hear directly from the Secretary-General on its progress.
- First, I would like to touch upon the reinvigorated RC system.
- We have held hearings through our embassies to learn the progress of the reform and how the country teams are tackling this COVID-19 pandemic on the ground. The majority of the replies were positive, commending the role of new RC as a good coordinator between humanitarian and development actors.
- As the COVID-19 pandemic is causing human security crisis, addressing this threat requires multi-faceted approach, joining the forces of humanitarian, development and peace stakeholders. In this regard, we need to secure data transparency on who's doing what and where. Comprehensive information platform such as the one that connects FTS to development fundings should be elaborated.
- We would like to hear about best practices and lessons learned from the coordination of UN Country Teams under the new system and how you are trying to disseminate them across the UN system in order to promote the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.
- Secondly, I would like to express our appreciation to your team's efforts to launch the system-wide tracking and reporting of efficiencies in the development system. Japan has been highlighting the importance of the use of efficiency gains for sustaining the RC system, and this is a large step forward. We look forward to hearing more about progress in this regard.
- Finally, let me touch upon the regional review. According to our hearings, the contributions of the work of the regional commissions to the UN country teams are not always visible. We would like to hear more details of the commissions' role in the newly established Regional Collaborative Platform, and how the work of the Platform will feed into the activities of the UN country teams.

I thank you.

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