



**Statement by HE Ambassador Mauro Vieira,
Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations,
at the Operational Activities for Development Segment
of the Economic and Social Council**

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Mr. President,

Brazil aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of Ecuador on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as with the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of El Salvador on behalf of CELAC. The following remarks are made in my national capacity.

Let me thank you, Mr. President, for convening this Operational Activities Segment, which aims to launch the implementation of the recently adopted QCPR.

The resolution recalls that the Sustainable Development Goals are integrated and indivisible, global in nature and universally applicable, and stresses that the United Nations development

system should ensure a balanced approach and address the interconnections across SDGs.

The task ahead, at each entity's level, is how to better translate this guidance into a new cycle of Strategic Plans with clear and concrete lines of action to support countries in their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Plans must capture the full range of the QCPR policy orientations, including the highest priority to be given to the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions; the emphasis on the development of national capacities; and the support for south-south cooperation.

At system-wide level, this Segment is useful to follow-up on the implementation of the QCPR, and to reflect on the upcoming recommendations of the Secretary-General, as requested by the resolution. Such recommendations relate to (i) the outline of functions and capacities in support of the 2030 Agenda, and its respective strategic document; (ii) the improvement of governance, accountability, coordination and oversight of the UNDS; (iii) and the improvement of the Resident Coordinator System.

The outline due in June should identify gaps and overlaps in the support given by the UNDS to the implementation of the SDGs and targets, as well as propose recommendations to address

them. The exercise should aim to improve collaboration among entities, not competition; and to identify functions and capacities in a flexible way. The outline should not be expected to address funding streams or typologies for country presence.

Mr. President,

The QCPR requests better coordination between development cooperation, humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding efforts. In doing so, it acknowledges that the development work of the UNDS, taken as a whole, can contribute to sustaining peace.

The Secretary-General emphasized this holistic approach at the High-level Dialogue on “Building sustainable peace for all”. He said in this respect that “the links between the 2030 Agenda and sustaining peace are found not only in Goal 16, but across all 17 goals”, and also that “implementing all the SDGs will make an enormous contribution to sustaining peace”.

Brazil supports this approach, as well as the general emphasis given by the Secretary-General to prevention, an endeavor that is both political and developmental. It is crucial to keep in mind that the role of the UNDS relates only to the latter aspect. Country Programme Documents must be risk informed, but not politicized. The QCPR has reiterated neutrality as an important feature of the development cooperation of the United Nations.

Mr. President,

The Deputy Secretary-General has outlined yesterday, in this Chamber, her vision on the evolution of the United Nations development system. Among other aspects, she highlighted important challenges, particularly inequality; the plan to address those challenges, which is the 2030 Agenda; and the United Nation's unique ability to combine normative functions and operational capacity in support of this endeavor.

Brazil welcomes these remarks and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Deputy Secretary General on her appointment, as well as to wish her success. We look forward to working together in support of the Agenda and of the peoples that are at its center.

Thank you very much.