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Member States have decided that the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework shall be *the* most important instrument for planning and implementation of UN's activities at country level. The UN Guidance for developing such frameworks and the preceding Common Country Analysis is acknowledged in the 2020 QCPR.

Two questions in this regard:

1. ***On the quality of the Common Country Analyses and the Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks completed so far:*** Has DCO made a systematic assessment of how these documents meet the ambitions of the Guidance? If so, what are the strengths and weaknesses?
2. ***On the common Financial Frameworks that are expected to accompany the Cooperation Frameworks:*** The common Financial Frameworks are crucial instruments both to ensure mutual accountability among the members of the UN country team and to empower the Resident Coordinator. We have noted with concern that such frameworks are often not in place in countries with new Cooperation Framework and fear that history might repeat itself as the lack of common financial frameworks was a major short-coming also during the Delivering as One era. What are the major reasons for this short-coming, and what can be done to ensure that quality financial frameworks are developed?