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Japan is a strong supporter of the UN Development System reform effort led by the Secretary-General, with the aim to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness, and coherence of the UNDS on the ground.

Successful reform requires the collective efforts of the whole UNDS. In this regard, Japan commends the tremendous efforts by each agency to ensure the smooth implementation of the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator System, including cost-sharing, administration of the 1% levy, and harmonization of procedures through the roll-out of the UNCT Business Operation Strategies.

While we are pleased to hear that 92% of Governments responded that the RCs ensured a coherent UN response to the pandemic, it is concerning that when it comes to the UNSDG's commitment to the Funding Compact, some indicators, including "improved focus on common results among UNSDGs at the country level", had gone down compared to the baseline year. As pointed out in the Secretary-General's report, continued efforts are required for a fundamental realignment and culture change within UN entities.

In order to address the multidimensional causes and consequences of complex challenges, and to take people-centered, comprehensive, context-specific, and prevention-oriented approaches based on the concept of human security, we wish to see more examples of effective coordination among UN entities.

In order for UNCTs to work together in support of national development priorities toward achieving the SDGs, it is imperative to avoid duplication and leverage the comparative advantages of each agency under the guidance of Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, including Common Country Analysis.

I count on your leadership to further enhance UNCTs to take a "One-UN approach" toward maximum development results in each program country.

I thank you.

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