Statement of the Sultanate of Oman during the ECOSOC Segment on Operational Activities of the United Nations for International Development Cooperation 17th May 2022

Mr. President, Mr. Secretary General, Excellencies, Dear colleagues

Allow me, at the very outset, to express our appreciation to the President of the ECOSOC for convening this important meeting.

I would also like to thank the Secretary General of the United Nations for his remarks and for the substantive report on the implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review and the solid recommendations therein for a more effective, efficient, coherent, and impactful United Nations.

Global challenges facing the world today, in particular within the context of COVID 19 recovery, demands that all of us, member states, stakeholders, and the UN development system work together in an efficient and integrated manner for an accelerated SDG implementation.

The data provided by the report of the Secretary General is very encouraging. We are indeed pleased to note the tailored support provided to member states by the UN system, and we look forward to further enhancing this alignment, since disparities among countries can remain wide, even at the regional level.

We are also pleased to note the flexibility and adaptability of the UN presence globally which, in many cases, very much needed, especially in cases and areas of emergencies.

We, in the Sultanate of Oman, are of the view that further strengthening of the humanitarian, development, and peace building nexus within the UN system is very much needed and would reflect positively on the outreach and services of the UN system here in New York and globally.

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The issue of funding obviously remains a challenge, and the data provided by the report in this regard is very informative.

We need to think of how to build a more diversified donor base and to have equal and unconditional access to adequate funding, especially given the financial difficulties facing many developing countries which became more dire due to COVID 19 crisis.

While noting, with appreciation, the increase of contributions from the private sector, we call for a closer collaboration and engagement from the international financing institutions especially with the developing and the Least Developing countries that are mostly affected by recent challenges.

To conclude, I reiterate my appreciation to the Secretary General for this report and hope that member states would be able to share their experiences and feedback to ensure a genuine and constructive dialogue on the UN development system.

Thank you.