

**U.S. Remarks for ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment
Session #1 – High-level Dialogue with the Secretary-General
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Speaker: Deputy ECOSOC Representative, Nicholas Hill

Thank you, Mr. Secretary-General, for your report on the implementation of the QCPR.

The United States fully supports all efforts to transform the UN development system into a more efficient, effective, transparent, and accountable development partner. As its largest contributor, we are laser focused on ensuring the development system is fit to address 21st century challenges to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

We acknowledge the life-saving value of reform, as demonstrated by the UN development system's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While that work is ongoing and we applaud its progress, we take this opportunity to note a few areas we believe warrant further attention and improvement.

First, on RC system funding: We reiterate our support for the RC Special Purpose Trust Fund, to which we have contributed more than \$65 million to date as a signal of our support for reform and the value of the RC system.

Second, on RC leadership: The United States reiterates its expectation that RCs demonstrate the highest level of leadership and commitment to UN values. We expect the RC performance framework to capture this well.

Third, on accountability: We appreciate the draft RC performance results framework a much-needed accountability tool. We look forward to supporting further efforts to ensure this framework meets intended expectations.

Fourth, on evaluation: Your report rightly points out that evaluations will help close an accountability gap in the UN development and RC systems. We would like to request a briefing on the System-Wide Evaluation Office to better understand how it is addressing this need and complementing existing work within the UN system.

Thank you