

## **ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment**

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### **UN Development System's Support to Building Back Better from COVID-19 and to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals**

#### **Formal Statement by Greece**

We are meeting against the backdrop of a highly fragile global economic outlook amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the rising geopolitical tensions. We are gravely concerned, in this regard, by the increased and ongoing conflicts in the world, which are affecting global peace and security, respect for human rights and sustainable development.

Greece highly welcomes and values the UN Secretary's General Report on the system-wide implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review and the reform of the United Nations development system, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/233 and 72/279. This comes at a time, when the risks of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine are causing major, long-lasting setbacks within the financing for sustainable development landscape.

It has been proved, that the UN Development System is committed to work effectively against the most disruptive challenge of our time, COVID-19 pandemic. The UNDS leveraged capacities and experience across development contexts, and put the necessary reforms to support the Sustainable Development Goals. The collaborative approach to finding solutions to development, exploiting partners' synergies and understanding linkages between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is essential to achieving a transformative impact.

Greece recognizes the progress made towards a reinforced UN 'delivering as one' operating in a more integrated, coherent, efficient and results-driven manner and will continue to promote this, supporting UN agencies and programs in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The humanitarian-development-peace nexus is key to strengthen coordination across development and peacebuilding actions and ensure a comprehensive approach aimed at building resilience and reducing conflicts and instability. The reform of the UN development system is progressing steadily, but we m-s have also the responsibility to bring the urgency to our action to fully deliver the 2030 Agenda. In this context, Greece chose to present its second Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at this year's HLPF.