

**Statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands at the 2022 Opening of the
Operational Activities Segment on 17 May 10:00 – 12:00 at the ECOSOC
Chamber of the United Nations**

Secretary-General, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues,

Thank you for giving me the floor. The Kingdom of the Netherlands aligns itself with the statement of the European Union and would like to add some additional remarks. I would like to thank the Secretary General for his annual report on the implementation of the QCPR resolution.

We have noted the progress made in consolidating the UNDS reform and implementing QCPR mandates and making the UN fit for purpose to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I commend the efforts that have gone into this by the Secretary General, his team/the secretariat and the whole UN Development System.

The Netherlands has been committed to multilateralism and to enabling the reformed UNDS to deliver the SDG. Something that is ever more important in these times of multiple crisis and challenges facing us on a global scale.

This is why we value the UNDS delivering as one as even more important than ever. We do not have the luxury of not working jointly, in an uncoordinated manner and competing for funding.

The reporting on the reformed UNDS presented during the Operational Activities Segment shows we have made a lot of progress, but also that we need to maintain vigilance so that we do not lose momentum.

The UNDS should ensure and donors should enable, that UN Country Teams are able to deliver on the necessary acceleration of the delivering on the SDG at a country level by. For instance by ensuring that the UNCT members deliver based upon their comparative advantages at a global and local level.

We, both the member states and the UN Development System, should work together to ensure system wide coherence and unequivocal support for reforms of the system, at the local level through UNCT's, as well as at the regional and global level.

As President of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board this year, we take our responsibility in ensuring that follow up of the reforms is an integral part to our efforts and we look forward to working on this through the joint commitment of member states and the UN development system to make these reforms successful.

In this regards, we look forward to the reform checklist to further strengthen the oversight mechanism of the Executive Boards of UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes.

Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, you have our full support and commitment to the reforms.

Thank you,