

**ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment 2022**

*High-level dialogue between the Secretary-General and Member States*

**10:00 – 12:00, Tuesday, 17 May 2022, ECOSOC Chamber**

Mr. Secretary-General,

Thank you for your informative briefing as well as the comprehensive and insightful report. I would also like to thank you and your team for your dedication and commitment to UNDS reform.

We also associate ourselves with the statement made by the representative of Turkey on behalf of MIKTA countries.

Indeed, the war in Ukraine has inflamed a three-dimensional crisis – food, energy and finance – with devastating impacts on the most vulnerable, on top of other challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, climate emergency and escalating inequalities. This requires ever more comprehensive, coordinated, and coherent response from the UNDS.

Commending the achievements made so far, we would like to share our following priorities to further consolidate progress and outstanding elements of the reform, and welcome your feedback.

First, enhanced collaboration across humanitarian, development, and peace actions are critical moving forward.

We hope that the Secretary-General further encourages joint efforts to overcome the significant challenges identified in the report, such as the lack of

data sharing and data interoperability among UN entities. We also note and fully agree with the recognition that deeper cultural and behavioral change across UN will be required for stronger collaboration. In this light, your view on *how* we can collectively bring about the change would be much appreciated.

Second, leveraging partnerships is crucial to effective development cooperation as well as sustainable and innovative financing.

We are pleased to note the successful example of partnership introduced in the report. We would like to encourage the newly launched UN Partnership Group and the UNDS to consider further promoting partnerships by incentivizing those entities that take the lead in producing and sharing knowledge and best practices in partnership approaches.

Lastly, the UNDS should consolidate as a matter of urgency the outstanding elements of the reform as underlined by the Secretary-General.

We note with particular concern that only 28 per cent of UN country team members shared their country programme documents with the resident coordinator for review and confirmation of their derivation from the Cooperation Framework. Aligning the Cooperation Frameworks with the Sustainable Development Goals and the country programme documents with the Cooperation Framework is imperative to a coordinated and coherent response from the UNDS.

Thank you very much. /END/