

## German Intervention at Session 2: Report of the UNSDG Chair on the Development Coordination Office

- We thank the Deputy Secretary General Amina Mohammed and ASG Piper for the Report and their Presentation.
- We strongly support a reinvigorated, effective and efficient RC system as an important cornerstone of the UN's work.
- Due to time limits I would like to focus this intervention on the first draft for the RC System Results Framework in Annex 2 of the report.
- In its 40 years of history, the RC system has benefitted from several reviews, evaluations, and assessments, most recently by OIOS in December 2021. We thank for the presentation of the first draft but would also like to better understand how these lessons and recommendations have been incorporated. And we also couldn't retrace how the Results Framework links to the budget, strategy and indicators used in the 5<sup>th</sup> Committee. Can you maybe reflect on these two points?
- On a conceptional note: After having a deeper look at the Draft we observe, that several of the proposed indicators do not seem to capture the performance or achievements of the RC's or their offices, but instead describe fundamental prerequisites for the proper functioning of the RC System. This includes e.g. the satisfaction of the RCs regarding HQ

support for them, demographic information about the composition of RC offices, the existence of host country agreements, and the issue of business continuity plans. While we value this information in itself, the question remains how this is directly related to results and/or outcomes the RC's performance contributes to – hence, is this really an appropriate measurement of what we want to see?

- And one point on methodology: Increased programmatic coherence is a cornerstone of what we expect the reinvigorated RC system to deliver. To achieve that, the UN development system needs to display a common understanding of results management. However, we noticed that the structure of the proposed framework seems neither fully consistent with existing RBM practices in the UN Secretariat, nor the UNSDG. Why is this so? And how are you planning to address this?
- We welcome the commitment to gender equality and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. More needs to be done, and we look forward to the review, the Chair of the UNSDG is tasked to undertake.
- And last but not least we would express our gratitude to ASG Robert Piper for all his tireless work to promote the UNDS Reform and we wish him all the best for his new position.