

**Interventions at the opening session of the ECOSOC OADS and
Interactive Dialogue with the Secretary-General**

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I thank you Mr. Chair for giving me the floor. I also thank the Secretary General for his comprehensive report and Madam Deputy Secretary General for her personal efforts in the UN reform process. We align ourselves with the statements delivered by the G-77 and China and the Group of the LDCs. Allow me to briefly highlight a few points in my national capacity:

First, the reformed RC system achieved the desired outcomes during the pandemic by complementing the initiatives of the host governments. The efficiency of the process was augmented by the newly introduced double reporting method which inspired system-wide responses. This can be further strengthened if we can ensure timely reporting of the RC system to the host governments. It will ensure that the UNDS works by prioritizing the national needs in different and changing contexts. To expedite the process, we need to consider selecting a methodology for this process.

Second, peace and development are interlinked and one reinforces the other. Peacebuilding efforts can provide dividends at a much lower cost by preventing the full-fledged flaring up of any conflict. However, such efforts depend on regional cooperation and cross-border exchanges. Hence, we must strengthen these measures to support synergies across development, humanitarian and peacebuilding actions.

Third, the recently adopted Doha Programme of Action provides a clear roadmap for the LDCs and the newly graduated countries to recover sustainably from the pandemic. UN entities need to integrate the guidelines of DPoA into their strategic documents to make this happen.

Finally, considering the bleak economic outlook we suspect that UNDS may face numerous financial challenges in the coming days. To tackle this, we need to address the imbalances between core and non-core funding and capitalize on flexible funding mechanisms in line with the Funding Compact commitments.

I thank you all.