

**Mr. Secretary General,
Madam Deputy Secretary-General,
Excellencies,**

We align ourselves with the statements delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the African group and would like to express our appreciation to You Mr. Secretary-General and to Madam Deputy Secretary-General for your steadfast commitment to reforming the UN Development system.

Developing countries have been struggling throughout the past two years to recover from the repercussions of the pandemic and continue to face multilayered challenges to getting back on track to achieving the SDGs. Integrated, efficient and coordinated action on all levels is therefore crucial to be able to deliver scaled-up responses to the challenges facing sustainable development. The continuous endeavors to reform the UNDS and monitor its effectiveness, coherence and suitability will thus remain vital.

We are encouraged to see positive feedback regarding the strengthened Resident Coordinator System following the repositioning of the UNDS, and that UN country teams are showing greater signs of integration in their action. We also commend the roll out of new Cooperation Frameworks more aligned with the priorities and needs of countries, and welcome the role of the Regional Collaborative Platforms in providing a strong basis for improved regional support to countries.

We note with concern, however, the gaps in the funding of the Resident Coordinator system, and reiterate the importance of having adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for the RC system to guarantee the continuation of its vital activities in developing countries.

We would like to highlight the pivotal role currently being played by the Resident Coordinator in Egypt in the context of the UN system support to Egypt as President of COP27. The contribution of the Resident Coordinator within the UN task force chaired by the ASG for Climate Action “Selwin Hart” is invaluable as we prepare together for COP27 in Sharm Elsheikh. It is a vivid example of how the RC system has advanced towards greater integration and collaboration.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate ASG “Robert Piper” for his new appointment as Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement, and to thank him for all his efforts as head of the Development Coordination Office.

You can count on our continued unwavering support to the UNDS reform efforts, and we look forward to engaging in the Operational Activities Segment throughout the coming days.

Thank You.