

**U.S. Talking Points for ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment
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Speaker: U.S. Senior Development Adviser, Charles Chang

- Thank you, Madam Deputy Secretary-General for presenting the report on the work of the Development Coordination Office's and the RC system.
- Before I comment on the report, let me first express our appreciation for Robert Piper, who has skillfully led DCO since its launch three years ago. We wish him the best in his future endeavors as the Secretary-General's special advisor on IDP issues, and we look forward to working with the next DCO director.
- Madam Deputy Secretary-General, your report paints a rich picture of DCO's work and the functioning of the new RC system, where they have worked well and where further improvements are still needed.
- Coming off last year's General Assembly review of the RC system, we are convinced that the future direction of the RC system is to introduce greater transparency and accountability in its structure, to enable it to become fully successful and sustainable over the long run.
- As we stated in this morning's dialogue with the Secretary-General, a robust RC performance results framework and an independent evaluation function are at the heart of such a transparent and accountable structure.
- The "RC system Results Framework" in Annex 2 of your report provided a quantitative view of the RC system's work in several areas. While it is useful to report on processes the RCs and country teams have engaged in, it lacked an evaluative assessment as to the results and outcomes of these processes. This speaks to the need for a results framework that will include qualitative assessments of RCs' activities based on rigorous evaluations conducted by the system-wide independent evaluation office.
- The DCO has initiated a consultative process to develop a RC results framework and we look forward to continuing to engage in this process in the coming weeks. We also look forward to learning more from you and DCO about the mandates and structure of the system-wide evaluation office and to work with you to provide sufficient capacities and independence to the office.