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Statement of Switzerland

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen

Switzerland thanks for the further clarifications on the alignment of the regional assets. We were pleased to hear the SG's assurances during the opening segment that the Regional collaborative platforms will not have an oversight role over the RC system. We expect this to be reflected in the mutual accountability framework.

With these clarifications, we look forward to the establishment of the regional collaborative platforms and the knowledge hubs.

We look forward to receiving evidence-based progress reports on how the regional assets contribute to the advancement of 2030 Agenda and to leaving no one behind in the regions. These reports will enable us to discuss and decide on necessary adaptations over the next months and years.

Since there is a wealth of normative and operational expertise available in the regions, we are keen to know how the regional policy advisory assets will be put to optimal use to UN Country teams. What further adaptations you think are needed to ensure that this expertise is made available across the system in a collaborative manner?

Let me close with the remark that like the regional review the other pending mandates - the system wide evaluation, system wide strategic document - need to be seen from an overarching perspective. We need an UN house with a system-wide approach where the different rooms – and the mandates of the different actors – fit together in a consistent way. Only then will the UN be able to efficiently support its members in the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

Thank you for your attention