

Intervention
by Permanent Representative of Viet Nam
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I would like to thank Madam DSG for this briefing. We appreciate the opportunities to exchange views with candor. Viet Nam aligns itself with the statement delivered by Ecuador on behalf of G77 and China. We would like to reiterate the following points:

1. Enhanced system-wide coordination and coherence are required in all phases of UNDS's joint work, especially in planning, mobilizing resources, program delivery, monitoring, evaluation and reporting.
2. The UNDS should always ensure alignment with the needs, priorities and capacities of program countries. Consultations with program country's government should be carried out regularly, in all phases. As countries are encouraged to contribute more to operational activities, a higher level of transparency is required, especially with regard to the use of resources across the system, at country level.
3. To achieve efficiency and synergy, we support the establishment of common operational platforms across entities, such as common back offices or One UN House. It is also necessary to tap on national systems and mechanisms as part of capacity-building and transfer of knowledge.
4. The impartial and effective leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator, backed by real authority and institutional arrangements, is essential to ensure the best performance of the system at field level, as well as effective cooperation with host country's government.
5. With regard to the proposed merging of New York-based Boards, we would like to seek more clarity on the suggested institutional and functional configuration of such governing body.

6. Regarding alignment, we would like to see the existing gaps of the system to be addressed so that all SDGs will be treated in a balanced and comprehensive manner.