

Operational Activities Segment
9 July 2009, Friday
5.00 – 6.00 pm

**Introductory remarks by the Chairperson/Moderator H.E. Mr. Alexandru Cujba
on the session on**

***“Outcome of the ‘High-level Tripartite Conference on Delivering as One: lessons
learned from country-led evaluations and way forward”***

For our last (but not the least important) session today, we will have the opportunity to listen to a presentation of the outcome of the “High-level Tripartite Conference on Delivering as One: Lesson learned from country-led evaluations and way forward”. The Conference was held last month on 14 – 16 June, hosted by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and co-organized with support by the United Nations country team in Viet Nam, the UN Development Operational Coordination Office (DOCO), and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

As we all know, “Delivering as One” in programme pilot countries is one of the five focus areas under follow up by the General Assembly on its work on system-wide coherence. On the 2nd of July, the General Assembly adopted resolution 64/L.56, containing milestone decisions, including on the creation of the UN Women, the composite entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and a number of measures to enhance the governance of operational activities of the UN development system.

The Conference in Hanoi is the third meeting, following those from Kigali in 2009, and Maputo in 2008, where the programme country pilots exchanged experiences and lessons learned in operationalizing the concept of “delivering as one” towards a more coherent functioning of the UN system at country level, for greater efficiency and better development results and impact.

Now into its fourth year of implementation, the Hanoi Conference enabled a sharing of the emerging findings and lessons from country-led evaluations. Experiences were also shared by a number of countries that have voluntarily adopted the approach. More countries are taking up examples of what have worked to improve cooperation with the UN development system. Some of those countries, both programme pilot countries and voluntary adopters, are with us today represented by delegates from their capitals. Member States are very much interested in developments from Delivering as One, including the challenges that must be further addressed at the inter-governmental level.

I am very pleased to welcome to this session, Mr. Ho Quang Minh, Director-General for Foreign Economic Relations of the Department of the Ministry of Planning and Investment of the Government of Viet Nam, joined by Mr. Dao Xuan Quang, Principal Officer to make a presentation of the outcome of the Conference. Our presenters from Viet Nam are joined in the panel by Dr. Servacius Likwelile, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs of the Government of Tanzania. Both our speakers from Viet Nam and Tanzania will share their respective countries' perspectives in moving forward with Delivering as One.

After sharing their perspectives with us, I shall open the floor to the audience for questions and inter-action.

I turn over the floor to Director-General Minh.