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TALKING POINT

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**Operational segment**

**Panel:**

*Strengthening the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator: Role of accountability frameworks, resources and results reporting*

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## Operational activities segment – talking points

### *Strengthening the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator” role of accountability frameworks, resources and results reporting*

- Mrs. Moderator, thank you for giving me the floor. First of all we would like to thank you for organising this very important panel on UN Resident Coordinator and to congratulate you for brilliant handling, as always, of this panel and discussion. Thank you for the presented view.
- Strengthening of the United Nations, as one of the truly global institutions in all its aspects, is in the interest of each member state, as well as individual, regardless what part of the world she or he lives in.
- The present report of the Secretary General on *Simplification and Harmonisation of the United Nations Development System* as a response to the General Assembly resolution 62/208 more than vividly describes milestones achieved since the adoption of the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development and obstacles that are still ahead and which are necessary to overcome.
- Having read the report, one has to realise that being efficient in delivering results, lots of effort has been and still is needed to be placed on streamlining of the internal structures and procedures and of course on the management itself. Key institutions for making the change and delivering results are the UN Development Group, UN Country Teams and Resident Coordinators.
- Analysis and experience show that getting the resident coordinator system working well, is critical to delivering better results. It is imperative that the resident coordinator has access to technical resources of all the agencies, as well as more access to authority over programme resources. Such authority could also be given to the resident coordinators, as the report rightly points out, by strengthening existing funding mechanisms and management tools. In this regard it is of utmost priority to rigorously continue with strengthening of the resident coordinator leadership.
- To be efficient means to carry out operational activities by using instruments which the UN is not able, for the time being to fully utilise. However, knowing the strong leadership of the UNDG and commitment of the group itself, it will be very interesting to hear your assessment on how to examine further possibilities of using budget support and what role the resident coordinator will play in using this modality to become more competitive and stronger in delivering..
- In the end we would like to point out that the Deliberations of the Economic and Social Council should underline our strong support to the United Nations Development Group for its further work in making organisations and programmes more efficient, in generating synergies and efficiencies that increase the impact of UN programmes and policy advice.