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**Introductory remarks by
H.E. MR. GONZALO GUTIERREZ
VICE-PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC**

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to this afternoon session. There are two important subjects before us this afternoon. First, we will first hear an update on the independent evaluation of “Delivering as One” initiative. We will then focus on the functioning of the resident coordinator system.

It has been now over four years since eight UN Member States and the Secretary-General decided to embark in the “Delivering as One” initiative. “Delivering as One” is a comprehensive undertaking, aiming to achieve more unified UN system support to programme countries. Since the launch of the initiative, more than 20 countries have voluntarily adopted the approach.

It is imperative to draw lessons from this process to inform future reforms of UN operational activities. In this spirit, the General Assembly 2007 Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities called for an independent evaluation of the initiative. This evaluation was launched last year by the Assembly as part of its decisions to enhance system-wide coherence.

The outcome of the evaluation will be a critical input to the next GA Review of Operational Activities - the QCPR. It is thus very important that the Council is kept updated on its progress.

I would like to give the floor to Mr. Lucien Back, who is Chief of the Secretariat to the Independent Evaluation of Delivering-as-One, UNDESA.

Mr. Back, you have the floor.