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STATEMENT

by the representative of Ukraine at the operational activities segment of the ECOSOC 2011 Substantive session on a.i. 3 "Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation".

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Mr. Vice-President,

It is clear from the Secretary-General's reports on this agenda item that substantial progress has been made over the past four years in implementing the General Assembly resolution 62/206 on comprehensive policy review of the operational activities.

Ukraine commends the UN "Delivering as One" approach that has proven the efficiency and effectiveness of the UN System in implementation of the development policy on the ground.

We support the steps taken in the framework of the UN for developing technical cooperation and fund mobilization in order to increase efficiency, productivity and sustainability of operational activities. Much has been done to ensure system-wide harmonization and simplification in the UN development activities. We welcome important developments in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Harmonization of Business Practices, particularly various procurement initiatives under way and harmonized approaches on financial management.

My delegation supports consistent efforts made at the system-wide level to improve the resident-coordinator system as well as strengthened focus on support of capacity-development in programme countries.

However, we believe that more could be done in such critical area as funding of the operational activities for development. In our view further attention should be given to reversing the growing imbalance between core and non-core funding, and to advancing the predictability, reliability and stability of funding flows.

Mr. Vice-President,

The UN funds and programmes play an important role in supporting government's efforts to achieve MDGs and other internationally agreed goals.

In this regard, we would like to praise an excellent coordination and collaboration between the Government of Ukraine and the UN Team in Ukraine, headed by Mr. Olivier Adam. For its part, the Government of Ukraine has recently decided to provide common premises for UN House in Kyiv with a view to promoting further harmonization and simplification in their activities.

We would like to note with satisfaction the level of our cooperation with UNDP. Highly important is the support in the field of implementation of the programmes aimed at reducing inequality, ensuring socially-oriented growth, and environmental protection, combating HIV/AIDS.

UNDP has already proved its role as a reliable advisor to the Ukrainian Government. Recently, it showed its ability to achieve very good results in its collaboration with leading Ukrainian scientists' team. The National Human Development Report "Ukraine: on the Way to the Social Inclusion" was successfully elaborated under UNDP support within the context of the relevant Regional Report preparation and presented to broad public in Kiev on 7 July this year. We appreciate very much the fact that Ukraine, along with other five countries of our region, was chosen by UNDP for representation in its Regional Human Development Report.

The delegation of Ukraine would also like to commend the UN Children's Fund for important work done in supporting the Ukrainian authorities in creation of a favourable environment for children in Ukraine, in particular in child health, combating HIV/AIDS, child protection and advocacy.

Ukraine positively evaluates the level of cooperation between the Government of Ukraine and the United Nations Population Fund. We are grateful to UNFPA being increasingly involved in supporting the Ukrainian authorities in such areas as reproductive health, HIV/AIDS prevention and care, promoting safe behaviour among youth; population research, gender equality and implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

In particular we would like to praise UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF country and regional teams, and their New York-based Offices for the dedicated work over the new country programmes documents for Ukraine for 2012-2016.

These new country programmes are aligned with the National Programme of economic reforms of Ukraine for 2010-2014, the National Millennium Development Goals and the Ukraine-United Nations Partnership Framework for 2012-2016. For its part, the Government of Ukraine, in cooperation with national civil society, is eager to contribute to their full and effective implementation.

Mr. Vice-President,

Our country welcomes active involvement of all UN bodies in the process of improvement of ways and modalities of empowerment of women. The strong and unanimous support by the General Assembly for the establishment of the **UN-Women** was a very important step forward and demonstrated significant credibility and great expectations of Member-States.

Ukraine fully supports UN-Women activity. We welcome 5 thematic priorities and 5 core principles determined by Under-Secretary-General for UN-Women Madame Bachelet, as a good beginning for coordinated joint work focused on demonstrating results, first of all on the ground.

As a member of UN Women Executive Board, Ukraine will focus on improving coordination among UN Member-States for ensuring gender equality, implementing policies, measures and practices aiming to reduce gender inequality in all its manifestations, in particular in leadership and decision-making, elimination of violence against women and girls and trafficking of them. We will also pay particular attention to ensuring more effective use of resources for relevant programs and projects in specific countries and regions.

I thank you Mr. Vice-President.