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Mme President,

First of all, my delegation would like to commend your leadership in conducting the ECOSOC dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system. As pointed out by many delegations, 2015 is a landmark year, as we will be setting new development goals and implementation frameworks, reflecting the changing development landscape. We, therefore, believe that it is a timely opportunity to evaluate the long-term responsiveness of the UN development system in anticipation of the post-2015 development agenda.

Mme President,

The UN development system will undoubtedly play an important role in supporting Member States and cooperating with different stakeholders to achieve, implement, and review the transformative and universal development agenda. It is essential that the UN development system utilizes its comparative advantages and expertise in this process.

In this regard, we welcome the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR). In particular, we note with appreciation that the UN system is the preferred partner for most countries, and that the activities of the UN are closely aligned with countries' development needs and priorities. It is also encouraging that the new single comprehensive monitoring and

reporting framework is proving to be an effective tool for monitoring QCPR implementation progress.

However, the report on the implementation of the QCPR reminds us that challenges remain to attain a more relevant, coherent and effective UN development system. Despite progress made in implementing QCPR provisions, we would like to reiterate the importance of continued effort in aligning UN entities' strategic plans with the QCPR for an increased system-wide effectiveness and greater inter-agency coordination.

Many delegations and panelists have also pointed out the importance of recognizing different needs and capacities of partner countries, and called for greater flexibility of the UN development system. In response to this call for differentiated actions, we believe that the UN development system should redouble its efforts to forge partnerships with new development actors, and strengthen cooperation within the UN and with Member States. The transformative and ambitious post-2015 development agenda can only be achieved with a genuine partnership based on global solidarity and principles such as national ownership, results focus, inclusive partnerships, transparency and mutual accountability, as set out in the Busan Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC).

Mme President,

Partnership is also essential to help address the funding challenges. Recent trends show decreasing overall ODA and imbalance between core and non-core resources. Bearing in mind the limited funding, we call for strengthened efforts of the UN Development system to further expand the donor base by unlocking investments from different actors including the private sector and civil society, and increase coherence for results-based management of the operational activities.

Considering the importance of South-South and triangular cooperation, we welcome the increased focus of the UN development system on South-South cooperation, and hope that it will continue its effort of facilitating exchanges and coordinating inter-agency mechanism in close consultation with the UN Office for South-South cooperation.

Mme President,

At this juncture of transition from the MDGs to SDGs and the post-2015 development agenda, Member States have high expectations for the ECOSOC to demonstrate leadership in building a roadmap for the post-2015 era, and in implementing the commitments we will make this coming September. In this regard, the Republic of Korea reaffirms its commitment to actively participate in our common endeavors.

Thank you, Mme President.

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