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Madame President,

Let me start by thanking you and the Bureau for organizing the panel discussions yesterday and today, which my delegation has found extremely useful. We very much appreciate also the two dialogues on long-term positioning of the UN development system.

Viet Nam shares the view that the development pillar remains of primary importance to the work of the United Nations. We believe that strengthening development cooperation is in the interest of all countries. It is critical to the attainment of other purposes of the United Nations.

Madame President,

As the international community crafts the new development agenda, the UN development system is expected to play a central role in its implementation. The UN funds and programs should therefore have their strategic plans aligned with the priorities of the new agenda and aim to support programme countries integrate the sustainable development goals into their own development strategies.

We also encourage the UN development system to continue assistance in capacity building, which will contribute to the crucial long term national capacities to address the various development challenges faced by all categories of developing countries, including lower middle income countries.

For it to be able to coordinate these efforts, the UN development system must be made more efficient, effective, coherent and responsive at all levels. We welcome initiatives and actions taken in that regard.

We welcome the application of the Standard Operating Procedures and call for their application across agencies. We note the initial success in establishing some basic common services at the country level and joint approaches to procurement.

We welcome the increased number of programme countries implementing Delivering as One and the achievements in enhancing coherence, relevance and efficiency of the UN development system in these countries. DaO has proven to be beneficial in ensuring that the UN country teams work better as one, which in turn has helped the UN's capacity to provide coherent strategic and policy advice and technical assistance to programme countries. As was strongly affirmed by DaO pilot countries in Hanoi in 2010, "there is no going back to doing business in the manner prior to the Delivering as One initiative".

Viet Nam remains committed to this path. We continue to implement all components of the initiative, including the One Plan, One Fund, One Leader, One Harmonized Business Practices. We expect to inaugurate the Green One UN House in the next few months. This will be the new home for the UN agencies currently present in Viet Nam and is expected to improve programme coordination of the UN country team, reduce operating costs by half a million dollars a year, and facilitate the use of common services.

As for any initiative, Delivering as One can only succeed if there is strong government ownership and leadership, commitment of the UN system and unwavering support of donor countries. We call on the UN agencies to take bolder steps at headquarters level to support the progress made at country level. And we urge donor countries to provide increased, predictable, unearmarked funding to support the implementation of DaO and to UN operational activities more generally.

I Thank you Madame President.