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Let me thank you, Ambassador Velez, Vice President of the ECOSOC, for the exceptional manner in which you have conducted the first phase of ECOSOC dialogue on the longer term position of the UN *vis-a-vis* development. Indonesia has indeed very honor to host one of the dialogue workshop in this phase.

From the start of the dialogue in phase I, the message was clear: no more business as usual. There is an urgent need to transform UN Development System; a system that is agile and savvy to support member states' on the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and beyond.

Phase I of the dialogue has tackled a particular issue, from the UNDS' functions, governance, funding to its organizational arrangements. And in this phase, some important points emerged. If I may briefly raise some of those points which are in Indonesia's view quite pertinent to the way forward.

First, in terms of the functions, the UNDS is expected to refashion itself to accommodate the necessary changes to follow up and review the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and SDGs. It should also provide coherent and integrated support to countries in achieving the SDGs and post-2015 agenda based on their national development plans and priorities.

But I would like to highlight the point that strengthening its regional dimension was considered as an important dimension in order to reinforce both domestic and multilateral efforts for effective and sustainable action against challenges that surmount national boundaries. This was considered a potential critical element for the UNDS to further develop, and one worthy of additional consideration as part of its longer-term positioning, in view of the importance of the regional dimension in terms of capacity building for and implementation on the post-2015 development agenda

Second, on matters of funding, there seemed to be a convergence of views regarding sustainability, predictability, and flexibility of funding along with system-wide strategic planning and transparent mapping of the funding situation.

Third, on governance, a profound adjustment at the UN system is fundamental to enabling the UNDS to meet the functions expected of it. In this connection, representation of developing countries - member states and civil society, in the

UNDS, particularly in the governing bodies, should be strengthened and supported with capacity building.

Fourth, member states recognized that new organizational arrangements and modalities are needed that take into account the different country contexts, needs, capacities, partnerships, including the adaptive role of diverse development actors. Alongside these new arrangements, the UNDS should emphasize more on national capacity development to adapt to the global architecture.

Taking into account what has been discussed in the last four meetings, there are a number of issues to consider or clarify as ECOSOC starts to pave the way forward. I would like to highlight a few brief points:

There needs to be some clarification as to UNDS' role in developing countries, including in supporting South-South Cooperation.

In terms of funding, I would like to stress again on matching funding with country development priorities, which include support in capacity building and technology transfer.

And a way forward that is a priority for us is to improve the representation of developing countries in the UNDS to enhance the effectiveness of the UNDS in fulfilling its functions.

Finally, Vice President, let me emphasize Indonesia's commitment to play an active role in the dialogue.

I thank you.

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