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Welcome Remarks

**QCPR Informal Dialogue:
Review of Secretary-General's
recommendations for 2012 QCPR**

New York, 5 October 2012

H.E. Ambassador Paul Seger, Permanent
Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations,

H.E. Ms. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator and
Chair of the United Nations Development Group,

Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I wish to inform you that H.E.
Ambassador Desra Percaya, conveyed his deep
apology for not being able to be here with us this
afternoon due to conflicting schedule with his
responsibility as Chairman of the 67th Session of the
First Committee.

Therefore, with your permission, allow me to deliver
his remarks as Vice-President of the ECOSOC.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this informal dialogue on the recommendations of the Secretary-General for the 2012 quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the General Assembly of UN operational activities for development.

At the outset, I also want to express my gratitude to Ambassador Seger and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, together with UNITAR and UNDESA, for co-sponsoring today's event.

As you know, the General Assembly will formally launch its deliberations on the QCPR on 15th October.

The QCPR resolution remains one of the most anticipated legislations of the General Assembly because of its wide-ranging implications for the work of the UN development system, particularly at the country level.

In this context, I believe it is also important to recognize that your upcoming negotiations build on a solid analytical and consultative process. The Permanent Mission of Indonesia has indeed been pleased to host a number of these informal consultations.

Throughout this extensive preparatory process, particularly this year's Operational Activities Segment of ECOSOC, which Ambassador Percaya had the honour to chair, I believe we must all have sensed the high expectations of Member States, particularly from the country-level representatives, participating in the Segment, that the QCPR must result in a strong resolution that puts the UN development system on a new path of reform and renewal.

As the development challenges change and the capacity of governments in programme countries grows so must the business models of the UN development system at the country level. I believe

this was an important message of the Operational Activities Segment of ECOSOC this summer.

The yearlong QCPR preparatory process has now culminated in the formulation of forward-looking recommendations of the Secretary-General for the consideration of Member States. In this regard, Member States now need to drive this important process to a successful conclusion.

I hope this informal event today will further forge a constructive spirit among Member States as we begin the QCPR negotiation process.

Allow me, therefore, to propose that in your discussions this afternoon, you will particularly focus on the following aspects of the recommendations of the Secretary-General for the QCPR:

- Firstly, whether the recommendations address the critical dimensions needed to enhance the

performance of the UN development system, particularly at the country level;

- Secondly, to point out if there are some glaring gaps in the recommendations that need to be addressed in the QCPR negotiations; and
- Thirdly, to identify issues requiring further clarification and explanation.

In closing, I would like to wish you a very fruitful dialogue.

Now, let me invite Ambassador Seger to take the floor to deliver his opening remarks.

Thank you.