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Excellency,

As delegations may recall, on 24 April plenary informal consultations took place in order to consider the discussion note entitled “Strengthening governance of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for enhanced system-wide coherence”, prepared by the Secretary-General and transmitted by the President of the General Assembly to all delegations on 17 April. The Co-Chairs take this opportunity to thank delegations for their active and constructive participation and for all the statements made during the consultations.

During that meeting delegations requested further in-depth discussions on the issues covered by the note prepared by the Secretary-General, in particular proposals for further strengthening of ECOSOC, including implications for intergovernmental bodies in the area of operational activities for development; the interface between intergovernmental bodies and inter-agency mechanisms; and the strengthening of nationally-owned common country programming.

In order to deal with the questions and comments raised on 24 March and carry forward the work on this matter, on **Friday 8 May** the Co-Chairs will convene an expert-level interactive session of Member States with representatives of the United Nations system bodies involved in the elaboration of the Secretary-General’s discussion note on governance. The meeting will take place from **3 to 6 pm** in **Conference Room 3**.

Furthermore, during the plenary informal consultations held on 24 April the Co-Chairs noted that many delegations signaled the need to include current developments in the field in the ongoing discussions on governance of operational activities, in particular the “Delivering as One” approach. The Co-Chairs consider the field dimension as an integral part of the governance debate and intend to convene a future meeting on that matter in due course.

We look forward to a fruitful and constructive dialogue between Member States and representatives of the United Nations system bodies next week in order to pave the way for substantive action by the General Assembly during its sixty-third session.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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