The Delegation of Colombia thanks the Secretary General, the Members of the Bureau of the Executive Board and the Executive Secretariat for convening this important meeting.

Likewise, we congratulate the Secretary General for the presentation of this clear and direct Report on the Implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (QCPR).

First of all, let me say that my Delegation is aligned with the Declaration of the G77+ China.

Colombia positively deeply values the intention to optimize the work of the UN at the regional level in order to avoid overlapping functions, duplication of mandates and atomization of financial and human resources.
In this sense, the Government of my country considers that the new regional reform should not imply additional administrative wear and tear that may affect operations for development.

Colombia wishes to underline its interest so that this reform does not incorporate standard models for its implementation in the different regions. In this sense, we value the use of regional consultation instances for the consolidation of working mechanisms according to the needs and capacities available in each part of the world.

Within this context, Colombia wants to highlight especially the value of ECLAC. This body has played an important advisory role in the development of knowledge on inequality, poverty and progress towards sustainable development in the region.