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Mr. Moderator,

Ecuador would like to thank for the important presentations delivered on the session 4b) regional dimension at the operational activities for development segment.

We believe that the review at the regional level must preserve the strength and value of the work and role of the Regional Economic Commissions and must reflect the ownership of Member States in the design and operationalization of the regional reforms.

We recognize the important work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in particular carrying out initiatives, such as the regional portal on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Gateway), as well for the activities concerning COVID-19 and the 2030 Agenda.

Ecuador reiterates its support to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) for the important work done. We believe that it is important to have a region by region approach on these issues.

We appreciate the initiatives that the Commission has developed to deliver action on the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean, which include analysis, data production, monitoring of national responses, as well as policy recommendations to more effectively address the consequences of the pandemic, with a multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary approach.
Today, more than ever, the world needs a strong and supportive multilateral system. In this context, the UNDS regional repositioning should ensure that the regional architecture is effectively suited to contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you.