

**Statement by Pakistan to the United Nations during General Debate
of the Operational Activities Segment (OAS) of ECOSOC
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Thank You Madam President

At the outset I would like to thank the Secretary General and his team for keeping the member states informed through briefings, reports, and presentations about the implementation of operational activities of development, including the repositioning of the United Nations Development System.

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by the State of Palestine on behalf of the G77 and China.

Madam President

General Assembly resolutions 71/243 on the QCPR and 72/279 on repositioning of the UN Development System provide guidance and framework to the UNDS to respond to the ambitious 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Let me make six specific points in this regard:

- Mandates given by member states through these resolutions are final, and should not be reopened. All efforts for repositioning the UNDS should be in line with the QCPR resolution.
- Debate in ECOSOC on accountability and review of operational activities should not undermine the mandate of the General Assembly, the universal intergovernmental platform for review, oversight, and guidance.
- Centrality of the General assembly for QCPR and repositioning of the UN Development System should be maintained.
- The unified mechanism for coordination at regional level – the “UN Regional Collaborative Platform” (UNRCP) should not undermine the role of regional commissions, especially the regional commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).
- In order to maintain national ownership of the renamed UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, the reporting line of the Resident Coordinator (RC) and the UN Country Team to the host country should be maintained.

- Future Development Cooperation Frameworks should be concluded according to the aspirations and national priorities of host countries. One-size-fits-all approach does not work.

Madam President

We expect that the funding compact will improve the decades-long imbalance between core and non-core funding for operational activities for development, which hit a low in 2017, when only around one-fifth of the funding was in the form of core resources.

We also expect that the coordination levy to fill the funding gap of US \$ 89 million will be operationalised soon, and traditional donors would step up their voluntary contributions.

Madam President!

Let me conclude by assuring you of the full cooperation of my delegation to you and to the Secretary General's office for development activities and for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

I thank you