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- General Debate -

*Repositioning the United Nations development system
to best support the 2030 Agenda acting on our common vision*

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Madame President,

This year's ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment is of particular importance since it is called to take stock of progress in implementing the mandates contained in the QCPR resolution 71/243 and resolution 72/279 on the UNDS repositioning.

My delegation welcomes the working format of the OAD Segment which is focused on getting perspectives from the headquarters, field, stakeholders and UN Executive Heads on structural changes, new policies and early progress in repositioning the UN development system.

The Republic of Moldova thanks the Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for his comprehensive report that outlines progress not only in response to QCPR mandates, but also on all measures undertaken to ensure effective, cohesive and accountable support to the 2030 Agenda.

We acknowledge the significant progress made in establishing new foundations, coordination and accountabilities at all levels, as described in the chapters one and two of the report (A/74/73 – /2019/4).

My delegation appreciates the efforts to finalize ahead of this OAD Segment a set of important complementary reform pieces aimed at supporting the **new RC system**, including a redesigned UNDAF and a country-level UNDS management and accountability framework. These new internal platforms and tools may prove indispensable for achieving a better internal coordination and accountability and should also help to establish the role of RCs described in paragraph 58 of the QCPR resolution.

The **Funding Compact** is another critical reform piece designed to ensure, *inter alia*, a more balanced funding. While the problems of the UNDS in this area will not necessarily be resolved through percentage targets on core funding, the Compact could broaden the sources of funding support, particularly for the new RC system.

A **new generation of UNCTs** that are effectively coordinated by empowered RC systems and adequately supported by the relevant regional and headquarters' components of the UN development system in the implementation of Common Cooperation Frameworks represents, indeed, a promising managerial model in terms of a whole-of-system-response.

Madame President,

In order to ensure the UNDS's full alignment with and the delivery on 2030 Agenda, further improvements and deeper changes are clearly needed.

This is particularly true in regard to the **UN regional architecture**. My delegation sees the merits of the Secretary-General's recommendations for longer-term reprofiling and restructuring of the UN regional assets. They offer solutions designed to improve the focus on system-wide results through enhanced coordination and collaboration.

In this context, we welcome the **multi-country office comprehensive review** and agree that more needs to be done to mainstream support to countries which are under an MCO arrangement, as also recommended in the JIU review of the UN system support to SIDS.

My delegation expects that the repositioning of the UNDS at the regional level will ensure an enhanced and tailored support to UNCTs, MCOs and programme countries.

Madame President,

The Republic of Moldova acknowledges the progress made so far towards **a more strategic and coherent UN approach at global level**.

We are supportive of the efforts aimed at reforming UN DESA, strengthening the UNSDG coordination mechanism, ensuring operational synergies across humanitarian, development and peace action, bolstering the UN's offer on partnerships and advancing a system-wide response to the 2030 Agenda, including through a dedicated System Wide Strategic Document.

The Secretary-General's proposals to enhance **the oversight and evaluation functions for better system-wide results**, including the establishment of an **independent system-wide evaluation unit** deserve positive consideration.

We note his remark that this process is moving ahead, in close consultation with the JIU and evaluation units of various United Nations entities. In this context, it is important to have more clarity on how this new independent system-wide evaluation unit would relate to and interact with existing structures, particularly the Joint Inspection Unit.

Madame President,

It is our common duty to ensure that the current adjustment process, asked for in the QCPR, will result in a more transparent, accountable and collaborative UN Development System.

My delegation is in favour of strengthening the oversight role of the ECOSOC OAS, and agrees with Secretary-General's reasons behind his recommendation to have a GA resolution during the year of the QCPR, and ECOSOC resolutions on implementation in the years between the QCPR.

Transforming the OAS into a better accountability platform requires, among others, unified reporting by the governing bodies of the UNDS entities on the implementation of reform related decisions in a way which allows for better oversight and better coherence at the level of the system.

From this perspective, we would also encourage all UNDS entities to make their corporate evaluations available on the UNEG website.

Madame President,

We fully agree with the Secretary-General that a repositioned UNDS should play a greater role in relation to the overall efforts to finance the SDGs, including supporting governments to leverage partnerships and financing from private and other sources of funding.

There are high expectations that, eventually, all UNCTs will be able to support programme countries with the development of financing coalitions to close the **SDG financing gap**.

From this perspective, we look forward to field's perspectives on how the empowered RCs and enhanced UNCTs envisage helping the programme countries to leveraging adequate financing, partnerships and technologies.

In closing, Madame President, let me reiterate the Republic of Moldova's full support for Secretary-General's and his transition team's efforts to firmly implement the most far-reaching and comprehensive package of reforms in the history of the UN development system (UNDS).

I thank you for your attention.