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**Briefing of the Deputy Secretary-General on the repositioning of the
UN development system**

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Introductory Remarks of the President of ECOSOC,
H.E. Mrs. H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardová,
Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations

Deputy Secretary-General,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to welcome today the Deputy Secretary-General and to give her the opportunity to brief the Council on the status of the repositioning of the UN development system, in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review.

The Secretary-General launched his vision last June, matched with concrete proposals for change. Ms. Amina Mohamed has been instrumental in supporting this effort, to ensure a UN development system that is fit to deliver on the ambitions that we, Member States, have set in in the 2030 Agenda and in the 2016 QCPR.

The QCPR marked some fundamental steps to reposition the UN development system. ECOSOC played a key role in paving the way for the decisions that Member States took at the end of last year through this resolution. The Council offered a platform through the ECOSOC Dialogue for all Member States to discuss views and proposals for a more strategic, coherent, effective and efficient UN development system. Today, ECOSOC continues to provide all Member States the opportunity to engage as we move forward.

A set of comprehensive questions was circulated to all Member States to help focus today's discussion. I would like to ask you to put forward your ideas in response to these questions. At this stage, in which the work to detail the proposals contained in the SG's June report is still ongoing, it is important to hear first and foremost from us on how we envision the way forward. Today, we have an opportunity to help shape these details. I therefore encourage you come forward with your suggestions.

Allow me to commend the transparent and inclusive process that the Deputy Secretary-General has been spearheading to ensure that the views of Member States remain at the center of the proposals for change. I trust that the Deputy Secretary-General will carefully hear our views and ideas today, so that they can be considered, reflected and built upon as we shape a UN development system that can effectively respond to our calls and deliver on our priorities.

Without further ado, allow me to give the floor to the Deputy Secretary-General.