

Statement
by His Excellency Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov
Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the UN
at the ECOSOC Dialogue on the longer-term positioning
of the UN development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda
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Mr. Chair,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentleman,

I commend H.E. Ambassador Alejandro Palma Cerna, Vice-President of the ECOSOC for leading us through the second phase of the ECOSOC Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the UN development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda and for bringing us together to its concluding session. Using this opportunity I would like to thank the Independent Team of Advisors (ITA) co-chaired by Ambassador Juan Somavia and Ambassador Klaus Töpfer for the recommendations they produced.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides an over-arching mandate for all UNDS entities to support the achievement of the universal SDGs. In coherent and efficient manner. The changes must take place at the global, regional and national levels to ensure that the UNDS is well positioned to support the 2030 Agenda.

Therefore we support proposals made by ITA and some delegations with regard to strengthening of ECOSOC. We believe that supporting the realization of the 2030 Agenda and implementing the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR), ECOSOC should play a stronger role in leading, coordinating and integrating UN Development system. A strengthened ECOSOC should provide system-wide strategic policy guidance and coordination. Last September our President has proposed to transform the Economic and Social Council into the Global Development Council. Along with UN Member States elected by the General Assembly, it could consist of the heads of all UN Specialized agencies, including the International Monetary Fund. The Council should be tasked to become a global economic regulator. Global projects carried out by this Council are to promote economic growth world-wide. This will help decrease considerably the risks of global crises and will facilitate implementation of SDGs.

We also support the idea of adoption of a Global Strategic Framework (GSF) proposed by the ITA. The proposed framework instrument should enable UNDS entities to link their activities to the inter-related activities of other UN entities and also to national development strategies and other development actors, providing a comprehensive map of sustainable development efforts at national, regional and global levels. President of Kazakhstan has therefore made the proposal to make a shift

from a focus on routine conflict prevention and post-conflict recovery, to a new development 2045 Global Strategic Initiative Plan that would considerably eliminate the threat of war with all nations having equal access to world infrastructure, resources and markets, and accountability for human development. We believe that such approach could bring added value since there is no peace without development and no development without peace.

Kazakhstan is calling for an integrated and holistic approach with regard to development. We propose to host the UN Regional Hub in Almaty, since it has 16 UN agencies in the country. The Hub will contribute greatly to the region's sustainable development, humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction and resilience building, and beyond. The Hub would significantly increase the UN ability to respond to the needs of one of the world's most dynamic and geo-strategically important regions. We should build on and improve the existing system, not dismantle it. In this regard we believe that hosting of the Resident-Coordinator by UNDP offers great practical value, providing programmatic, policy and operational support on the ground.

The UN development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda should pay due attention to the needs of the countries in special situation in particular, LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs as well as Africa

Kazakhstan stands ready to work together towards improvement of the UN development system for implementation of Agenda 2030 at the national, regional and global level.

Thank you.