

Draft intervention on behalf of CARICOM for ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment

Panel 1: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: What are the implications for policy, programming and operational cooperation and coordination in the UN development system?

Thank you madame moderator. I have the honour to deliver these brief remarks on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). CARICOM aligns itself with the statements delivered by Thailand on behalf of the G77 and China and by the Maldives on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

CARICOM wishes to express its appreciation to the panel for the informative and insightful presentations that have been made and to underscore the centrality of the UN development system in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda at the national level. We congratulate the UN development system and the Secretary General on the consultative process that has been undertaken this far to produce the report on the implementation of resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR).

In the deliberations on the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda it was often noted that it must be a global agenda that is able to deliver at the local level within countries. This highlights the imperative for the UN development system to assist countries with translating this agenda, and the outcomes of all of the major UN Conferences that are associated with it, into an integrated development roadmap that resonates at the regional and national levels. We note that this is a very challenging task, in particular in the light of the need for further clarity on the role of the UNDS and the Operational Activities for Development in relation to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, but also in the light of continued challenges in obtaining core resources in order to effectively fund the work of the UN development system. We support calls for the increased allocations to core, as opposed to non-core resources, while noting that core resources continued to contract for 2014.

CARICOM has long noted the need for the UN development system to tailor its support to countries based on their specific circumstances and development needs. We are pleased with the recognition in the Secretary General's report that countries in special circumstances require focused treatment from the development system in line with their priorities. In keeping with this, and in line with the views expressed by the Maldives on the need for the integrated delivery on the S.A.M.O.A Pathway in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, CARICOM wishes to stress that the updated Secretary General's report on the implementation of the QCPR should address the following:

- further plans for integrated approaches at country level between UN agencies, funds and programmes in line with the 2030 sustainable development agenda
- further clarity on the scope of capacity building support to be made available to member states, in particular for the purpose of institutional strengthening for

implementation and follow up and review activities in relation to the 2030 sustainable development agenda, including in the area of data and statistics.

CARICOM would also welcome the views of the panel on how the UN Development Assistance Frameworks can be further aligned to address the 2030 sustainable development agenda, noting that while many existing frameworks touch on the three pillars of sustainable development they do not address the agenda as it is currently framed.

I thank you.