

Good morning, Mr. Chairman,

I am happy to introduce the Report of the Secretary-General (A/67/165) on the United Nations Office for Partnerships (our acronym being "UNOP"). The report provides some highlights of the activities pursued by UNOP, and its results, during the previous year (2011).

Essentially, the UNOP report covers three main areas:

1. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP)
2. United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)
3. Partnerships Advisory Services and Outreach.

It may be recalled that UNFIP was established in 1998 to serve as the interface between the UN Foundation and the United Nations system. The ongoing partnership with UNF has resulted in the UN receiving net additional resources (through UNFIP) since inception in the amount of approx. \$1.2 billion for relevant projects and programmes in the four main thematic areas of the UN Foundation's work:

- 1. Women and Children's Health** - projects include polio eradication, measles initiative, malaria prevention, Every Woman Every Child initiative.
- 2. Women and Population** - projects aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls, and support for adolescent girls
- 3. Environment** – projects aimed at promoting Sustainable Energy for All. Three main objectives: – ensure universal access to modern energy services, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency, and double the share of renewable energy.
- 4. Peace, security and human rights** – An example of a project here would be "art advocacy project for child soldiers and abducted girls".

In Annex 1 of the Secretary-General's report, by way of pie charts we have presented the distribution of some 524 projects in 124 countries by the different implementing partners and themes. 43 UN entities have collaborated with us in the implementation of the

projects. Mr. Chairman, I am sorry that there is a typographical error in Annex II of the report. I am providing to the Committee a revised table which would reflect the total value of projects approved in 2011 as \$48,614,168.

UN Democracy Fund

In 2011, the UN Democracy Fund followed its annualised program of assessing project applications, conducting quality control and consulting with stakeholders before submission of recommended proposals to the UN Secretary-General for approval. The Secretary-General accepted the recommendations of the Advisory Board and approved the short list of 65 projects for the fifth round of funding. A breakdown of the approved projects by key activities is as follows:

- a) Community development (33 per cent)
- b) Women's empowerment (26 per cent)
- c) Youth (15 per cent)
- d) Media (9 per cent)
- e) Strengthen instrumentalities of government (8 per cent)
- f) Rule of law and human rights (6 per cent)
- g) Tools for democratization (3 per cent)

The Advisory Board approved the holding of a sixth round of funding and in November and December 2011 UNDEF received more than 2,800 applications. The project proposals originated from organizations in 141 countries, the vast majority local NGOs in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas.

Finally; Mr. Chairman - on the last segment of our work - UNOP continues to provide advisory services to private sector companies, foundations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and philanthropists. Most of the collaboration relates to the areas of poverty reduction, gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, education and health in the global South. UNOP is also entrusted with assisting the Permanent

Memorial Committee on the project aimed at erecting a permanent memorial monument at the UN Headquarters complex to the Victims of Slavery and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, I wish to inform you that the Secretary-General will make a proposal to the UN General Assembly for a mechanism to strengthen the UN's capacities to build broad multi-stakeholder partnerships to deliver the UN's goals as mandated by its Member States. The Secretary-General is conducting a review of current practices in this field among the many UN bodies engaged in partnership work in order to present the most cohesive and effective mechanism for the General Assembly's consideration. The initial findings from this review will be presented in the course of 67th session.

In the interest of time, I will stop here, Mr. Chairman. I will be happy to respond to any questions. Thank you.