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*In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Mr. Chairman,**

At the outset My delegation would like to associate itself with the statement made by Algeria on behalf of the Group 77 and China . My delegation also would like to thank the Secretary General for his comprehensive reports on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy review (QCPR) and the state of South-South Cooperation in respond to resolution 66/219.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation attaches high importance to the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) and the UN operational activities for development which provides a unique opportunity for the General Assembly to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and impact

of UN operational activities for development, as well as to set system-wide policy guidelines for United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programs. We reaffirm the need to promote a multilateral system that is capable of facing current global challenges.

Therefore we reiterate the central role played by the UN system in development and the priority of sustainability in its economic, social, environmental and institutional aspects. We would like to see a strengthened role of the UN operational activities for development and its capacity to assist developing countries in achieving their development goals including the MDGs by 2015.

**Mr. Chairman,**

South-South cooperation is a common endeavor of peoples and countries of the South and must be pursued as an expression of South-South solidarity and a strategy for economic independence and self-reliance of the South, based on their common objectives and solidarity.

South-South cooperation seeks to enable developing countries to play a more active role in international policy and decision-making processes, in support of their efforts to achieve sustainable development. It seeks to enable developing countries to play a more active role in international policy and decision-making processes, in support of their efforts to achieve sustainable development.

**Mr. Chairman,**

South-South and triangular cooperation are based on recognition of national sovereignty, complete equality, mutual respect and benefit and they strive for strengthened multilateralism in the promotion of an action-oriented approach to development challenges and promotes the exchange

of best practices and support among developing countries in the common pursuit of their broad development objectives.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The modalities and mechanisms for promoting South-South cooperation and triangular are based on bilateral, sub-regional and regional cooperation and integration, as well as multilateral cooperation. Therefore my delegation believes that the UN system and the international community should effectively support the South-South agenda and promoting greater integration of the South-South cooperation in the other bodies of the UN system .

**Mr. Chairman,**

South-South cooperation must not be seen as a replacement for North-South cooperation. My delegation would like to reiterate the great importance it attaches to the South-South cooperation and calls for furthering international support for such cooperation, which complements North-South and triangular cooperation. We consider North-South relations and cooperation a strategic policy track for the developing world.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation welcomes the recent decision of the High Level Committee (HLC) on South-South Cooperation in changing the name of the special for South-South Cooperation into the United Office for South-South Cooperation and look forward to concrete measures for its strengthening both financially and in terms of human resources allocation. We hope very much that this could be given due consideration

in upcoming report of the Secretary General to be submitted to the next session of the High Level Committee.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran is among countries of the South in the Persian Gulf which enjoy rapid advances and have potential for stable and solid growth. Meanwhile, Iran has developed cordial and close cooperation with other countries of the South in both regional and international arrangements. Nonetheless, and perhaps because of many bottlenecks and lack of necessary infrastructures, economic ties have not been progressing on an equal footing with political relations. However, with hindsight and through mutual cooperation we have been able to contribute to numerous projects and reconstruction plans in many developing countries.

**I Thank You Mr. Chairman**