

**Statement**  
**by**  
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**on**  
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**Thank you Madam President,**

India associates itself with the statement delivered by Palestine on behalf of the Group of 77.

We thank the Secretary-General for the reports prepared for this segment. We have witnessed the usefulness of these reports in the informed discussions over last two days.

**Madam President,**

Following the adoption of the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, there have been intensive reflections followed by concerted efforts on UN Development System (UNDS)'s capability to effectively facilitate member states in its implementation. My delegation wholeheartedly supported Secretary General's reforms agenda.

We commend the SG, DSG and the team for successfully managing the transition to the reformed UNDS, at the heart of which is the reinvigorated Resident Coordinators system. Equally important is the new generation of UN Country Teams and UN Sustainable Development Cooperation framework, and so is the support ecosystem in form of the DCO.

Now we would like to move ahead with the confidence that the UNDS is effectively positioned in support of Member States' implementation of 2030 Agenda and achievement of the SDGs, as per the national plans and priorities on a framework backed by a solid inter-governmental guidance. We value very much, the first report of the DCO and expect such reports as the process moves forward, which will also be helpful in ensuring accountability of the RCs towards their developmental mandate and adherence to the reporting lines.

The quality and volume of resources for implementation of the new arrangement must lead to improvement in system's predictability and impartiality, as was objective set out by the Secretary General at the beginning of the process.

At the same time, we have to ensure that resources meant for core development programmes are not diverted on the coordination functions and covering overheads; else it will have a deleterious effect on the development agenda of the developing countries, in particular on LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS. The usefulness of reforms will be finally judged by the achievement of SDGs.

We welcome the conclusion of the Funding Compact. The compact will not only enhance the quality and quantity of funding at the disposal of the UN Development System but will also ensure transparency and accountability of the entities.

**Madam President,**

We hope that the member states will kept fully informed and involved until the remaining elements of reforms like the System Wide Strategic Document, MCOs and integration of the Regional Dimensions are completed and the reinvigorated RC system is functional seamlessly.

In concluding, let me once again reassure you of India's strong support and steadfast commitment to the reformed and right aligned UNDS for leveraging its multi-dimensional expertise, wide range of operational capabilities and comparative advantages of the UN Country teams for a transformative impact towards the achievement of a transformative 2030 agenda.

I thank you.