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Thank you Chair.

1. At the outset, please allow me to express my appreciation to our distinguished panelists for their insightful views on how the UN development system (UNDS) could better support Member States in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

2. Our delegation welcomes the 2016 QCPR, which set out important guidance for the UNDS system-wide strategic policy orientations for development cooperation.

In our national development, Viet Nam has received valuable support from the UNDS. We acknowledge the comparative advantages of each UNDS entity and look forward to the stronger synergy of the whole system. With long-standing experience and expertise, the UNDS is well placed to assist program countries in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

3. Concerning the ongoing efforts of the UNDS in operational activities, our delegation would like to highlight the following points:

First, it is essential that the strategic plans of Funds and Programs for the next cycle reflect the priorities and mandates as set out in our 2016 QCPR. Here I would like to underline the importance of the support for the Member States in mainstreaming the SDGs into national plans and their implementation with full respect for their national ownership and in line with their policies and priorities. In this connection, we very much look forward to the better coordination and coherence among UNDS entities in formulating such strategic plans in accordance with UNDAF.

Second, stagnant funding for development activities and the imbalance between core and non-core resources continue to be a challenge, particularly at the country level. This imbalance has a severe impact on a system-wide response as it encourages silos, fragmentation, competition and overlaps in operational activities. We must reverse this trend if we are to mobilize adequate resources for SDGs implementation.

We also look forward to the developed countries to fulfill the commitments made to achieve the target of 0.7 percent of gross national income for official development assistance; as well as the need to support developing countries through capacity building and free or low-cost technology transfer.

Third, I share the view of some delegations that integrated approaches, such as the “Delivering as One” (DAO) initiative and Standard Operating Procedures should be further sped up. As indicated by the UNDG Standard Operating Procedures for “Delivering as One” 2015 Progress Report, 94 percent of pilot ‘Delivering as One’

countries stated that the approach helps the UN better align with country development needs and priorities. Also, 55 member states have officially requested the UN adopt the “Delivering as One” approach in their countries as of September 2016.

DAO has made significant progress in Viet Nam. Since its inauguration in May 2015, the first Green One UN House has become home to 12 UN entities and improved UN inter-agency coordination in Viet Nam. In 2016, an independent review of the One Plan (2012-2016) between the Viet Nam and the UNCT in Viet Nam finds that 83 percent of planned outputs have been achieved and the DAO approach has the potential to strengthen the work of the UNDS in Viet Nam significantly.

While the DAO approach can remove existing differences in UNCT agency-specific planning instruments, there remain challenges, for example, different planning and reporting mechanisms of respective governing boards at headquarter level. Therefore, DAO merits our further examination and enhancement.

Last but not least, as the Resident Coordinator system is crucial for a DAO country like Viet Nam, we hope that the proposal by the Secretary-General as mandated in OP 58 of the QCPR will provide comprehensive recommendations to ensure RC’s effective leadership over the UN country team.

4. To conclude, Viet Nam would like to reiterate our commitments and looks forwards to our insightful dialogues on enhancing the UN development system towards implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.

I thank you./.