



Intervention by H.E. Mr. Vlad Lupan, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations, at the ECOSOC operational activities for development segment, New York, 28 February - 2nd March 2017

Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to thank you for convening this timely meeting that gives us the opportunity to share initial thoughts on the implementation of the 2016 QCPR resolution meant to improve the UN development system and make it fit for effective and efficient implementations of the milestone agreements reached by UN member states in 2015.

Given the ambitious agendas ahead of us - Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework of Action, 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, as well as the New Urban Agenda, we will require a more strategic, accountable, efficient, effective and results-oriented UN development system to get them implemented. The recently adopted QCPR resolution addresses critical issues pertaining to the operational activities performed by the UN agencies, funds and programs such as governance, funding and functioning. Immediate system wide operationalization of the above mentioned resolution is critical to succeed on our challenging path towards the sustainable development.

We are encouraged by some initial actions undertaken in this regard at the headquarters level and namely the two high level meetings organized in January by the former President of the Security Council and the President of the General Assembly on the interlinkage between development and sustaining peace during which the UN member states had the opportunity to share their thoughts on the call contained in the QCPR resolution for a greater cooperation and complementarity between the two fields, which is critical to attain the sustainable development and address more efficiently and effectively the needs of the UN member states. Our country has participated in those value-added events. We would also be interested to explore more the interconnection between development and disaster risk reduction on one side, as well as on the complementarity and interlinkage among development, humanitarian and sustaining peace fields on another side.

In a similar vein, the Republic of Moldova has participated and followed closely the first 2017 regular sessions of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, where we are Vice-chairs of the Executive Board, as well as sessions of UN Women and UNICEF Executive Boards where the member states, funds and programs shared their initial thoughts on the strategic plans for 2018-2021 to be adopted later this year. It was particularly important to hear from the concerned UN entities about how they are going to mainstream the 2030 Agenda into the next strategic plans. In this regard, we emphasize that this exercise should be done in accordance with each entity's mandate and its comparative advantage. While pursuing this responsible task, the four UN funds and programs, as well as the entire UN development system should build on the lessons learned, address the gaps, avoid duplication and overlap, and enhance the inter-agency approach. We have taken note of the joint informal briefings and workshops organized by the UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN Women on the issue on preparation of the strategic plans and integrated budgets of those entities. We believe that this kind of common exercise is important to avoid duplication and foster inter-agency cooperation in the operational activities for development and

encourage for its replication by the entire system not only at the stage of strategic plans elaboration, but also when it comes to their delivery.

Excellences, ladies and gentlemen,

A particular emphasis should be put on country-level. We urge the UN country teams to pursue the country program goals in the spirit of an enhanced collaboration, while moving towards more integrated actions, as required by the interlinked nature of the sustainable development goals. In delivering their mandates, the country team members should focus on tangible results and cost-effectiveness.

While we recognize the merit and added value of all the UN development system functions listed in the QCPR resolution, we would like to emphasize two particular tasks that are of paramount importance to get the 2030 Agenda **implemented** at the national level and namely - strengthening the statistical capacities of the national institutions and assisting the governments in leveraging partnerships. Timely, reliable, qualitative and disaggregated data is critical to leave no one behind. At the same time, result-oriented partnerships are important to support the governments' strives to achieve sustainable development goals.

The Republic of Moldova notes that a major stumbling block in the efficient and effective delivery of the operational activities for development remains the issue of funding. We recognize that adequate, predictable and flexible funding is critical for achieving sustainable development goals. In this regard, we continue to share the view that **enhanced accountability and transparency, as well as efficient use of existing resources** is of paramount importance to incentivize contributions by donor countries. At the same time, important sources of funding for the operational activities for development are the international financial institutions, private sector, as well as non-governmental organizations. From the information provided to us before the meeting on funding flows for operational activities coming from the above mentioned actors, we conclude that more can be done by the UN agencies, funds and programs to further unlock this important source of funding for sustainable development.

In closing, the QCPR resolution sets a good vision about how the UN development system should be reformed to rise up to the expectations of the member states and help them achieve the sustainable development goals. For that we need a strong commitment by the UN system and us, member states, to get the UN development system that we want and to make sure we register concrete progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. At the same time, we look forward to the UN Secretary-General's findings and recommendations on the UN system functions, governance, as well as the resident coordinators system to be presented later this year that hopefully will bring more clarity and guide our actions on some mandates given through the QCPR resolution.

I thank you.