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Mr. Vice-President,

The adoption of the latest QCPR brought inter-linkages and interconnectedness of the United Nations Development System to a new level. The QCPR remains the main pillar of the UNDS and a tool that enables and carries out coherence, effectiveness and ultimately efficiency of the system. Dependency between sustainable development goals and targets essentially indicates that integrated and coordinated approach to the implementation process must be at the highest possible level.

Such an ambitious agenda cannot be implemented without reinvigorated partnerships that include various stakeholders from governments, civil society organizations to private sector. The implementation process will certainly be bumpy and with many challenges but the UNDS needs to be ready to address all those challenges in a coherent, comprehensive and integrated manner. In that regard, the importance of stable, flexible and predictable funding cannot be overemphasized. Much more needs to be done in terms of broadening the donor base including different trust funds, private donors when appropriate and considering ways for domestic resource mobilization. Also, the UNDS must work more closely with governments and authorities at different levels within the country in order to prepare quality projects which authorities would be willing to co-finance from budgetary resources or consider the possibility of private-public partnerships where appropriate and feasible. Therefore, in some cases, amending national legislation in this area will be necessary to complement the implementation process.

We need to emphasize that UNDAF should be guided by principles of national ownership. This is of particular importance because each country has different development needs. Therefore, the UNDS must have critical capacity to address needs and offer effective results carefully tailored for each programme country. Special attention should be given to LDSs, LLDCs, SIDS and conflict-affected countries because they should benefit the most from this process. In relation to conflict-affected countries it is of utmost importance to better link peace and security with development efforts and during that process support strengthening national institutions and capacities to further work on development issues.

Bosnia and Herzegovina signed the United Nations Development Partnership Agreement with the United Nations for the period 2015-2019. It draws on the full range of expertise and resources of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) to deliver development results. It also constitutes the underlying element of the One UN Programme and Common Budgetary Framework for BiH 2015-2019 in addition to other integral elements of the One UN Programme such as the Joint Steering Committee, Results Groups and biennial Joint Work Plans.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with the UN Country Team, is currently preparing *a 2 year SDG programme to support BiH with SDGs (2017-2018)*. It is a process where we closely cooperate together with UNDP Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Consultations in order how to

integrate and adapt SDGs into our long-term policies and programmes are undertaken and ongoing with participation of various stakeholders. In this regard, we stand ready to learn from experience of other countries and share our own that could be of relevance for other countries but also development partners.

If we want to succeed in this complex undertaking we will have success stories and challenges to overcome. However, our utmost goal should be to ensure that the UNDS properly responds to needs of Member States in order to accomplish planned results on the development path.

The role of ECOSOC in the entire process is indispensable taking into account that the High-Level Political Forum represents a unique place for monitoring of SDGs at the global level, presenting data or discussing indicators of success. We need to ensure that this role becomes even more important with an aim to achieve the best possible coherence of the UNDS.

Thank you.