**Day 2- Wednesday, 1 March**

*Improving the governance and coordination of the UN development system*

On behalf of the Group of 77 and China I would like to thank the panellists for their presentations. We like to highlight the following aspects:

1. The General Assembly decided to improve the governance, accountability and overall coordination of the entities of the UNDS and their oversight by Member States. We expect the upcoming Secretary General’s report to elaborate on all these elements, which go beyond the important aspects of coordination of coherence.
   The issue is: the system must respond better to countries at all levels, including the more systemic discussions at headquarters, including in the Chief Executives Board.
2. In order to “work as a system,” the UNDS needs a strong follow-up of the QCPR implementation by the ECOSOC and the General Assembly. This is the backdrop against which the ECOSOC should work to “improve its role in providing overall guidance to and coordination of the United Nations development system.” This segment is a good beginning in that direction.
3. Great attention should be paid, across the UNDS, to the QCPR provisions on gender balance and on the principles of equitable geographical representation and no-monopoly regarding appointments and recruitment in the UNDS.
4. Developing countries look forward to engage with other States in the Executive Boards in discussions on how to operationalize the QCPR provisions on working methods. It is also important to take advantage of the Executive boards as scenarios to exchange good practices, based on the lessons learned from Member States. In this sense, it is considered pertinent that the exercises of monitoring and evaluation of the different Country Programs are carried out in a timely manner.
5. Moreover, the QCPR stressed the importance of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the resident coordination system to better coordinate the United Nations Country Teams and to work collaboratively toward the implementation of the UNDAFs, in order to better respond to national plans and strategies. We look forward for the comprehensive proposal to be prepared by the Secretary-General on further improvements the system.