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Moving the QCPR forward at field level: Creating a common back office to function as a 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 guidelines established in the QCPR should be embedded in the activities of the entities of the UNDS as a whole, at all levels. We like to stress the importance of the full alignment of operational activities for development at the country level with national development plans and strategies to strengthen national ownership and leadership at all stages.

2. We will like to emphasis, that as stated in the QCPR resolution, there is no “one size fits all” approach to development; and that the entities of the United Nations development system have specific experience and expertise, derived from and in line with their mandates and strategic plans. Stresses in this regard that improvement of coordination and coherence at all levels should be undertaken in a manner that recognizes their respective mandates, roles and their unique expertise;

3. 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. These provisions, together with others on the operational functioning of the system, have in common the focus on national ownership and leadership as the lynchpin for activities at the country level.

4. The QCPR requested the United Nations country teams, under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator, to present annual reports to the programme country Governments on the results achieved by the United Nations country team as a whole, structured around the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, or equivalent planning framework, and linked to national development results.

5. G77 and China would like to reiterate that the QCPR requests the United Nations development system to continue to support all programme countries, regardless of which modality for the delivery of assistance they prefer to adopt, in accordance with their development plans and priorities.