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Integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda: the role of the UNDS in addressing the needs and diverse challenges of Middle-Income Countries

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 QCPR resolution calls upon the entities of the United Nations development system, within their respective mandates, to mainstream the Sustainable Development Goals in their strategic planning documents and their work at all levels, taking into account that the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development and should, therefore, continue to be the highest priority for and underlying objective of the operational activities of the United Nations development system.

2. We reemphasize the need to address poverty as a multidimensional phenomenon. We stress the importance of using multidimensional indicators and developing transparent measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product in order to effectively reflect the reality of the populations of all developing countries in order to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, and reduce inequality everywhere, according to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We should recognize the multidimensional nature of poverty and the economic, social and environmental dimensions of domestic output and structural gaps at all levels.

3. Despite notable reductions in poverty, middle-income countries are still home to 73 percent of the world's people living in poverty and inequalities and gaps still remain. It is therefore important that the UNDS improve its support to different country contexts, including how to provide efficient, effective, more coordinated and better and focused support to middle-income countries.

4. As we stated in the previous panel, the QCPR calls upon the United Nations development system to continue to support developing countries in their efforts to achieve internationally agreed development goals and their development objectives. In this sense, the resolution also requests the system to address the specific challenges facing the middle-income countries, in line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
5. Finally, I would like to recall that UNDAFs and country programmes should be elaborated and implemented under each country’s national ownership and leadership, and in line with their individual needs and priorities.