Thank you chair,

We would like to thank the administrator for the report on the implementation of UNDP’s gender equality strategy. We are pleased to hear about the progress that has been made in this important area of work. With regard to this topic Sweden would just like to make a few brief observations and pose a few questions:

First, in the process of developing a new gender equality strategy it is important that UNDP harmonizes its work with the System-Wide Action Plan for gender mainstreaming.

Second, it is positive to hear that UNDP acknowledges the importance of working with gender-issues also in the context of its work on environment and sustainable development. We would be interested in a little more information about how these activities are monitored and followed-up.

Third, the background information (ppt-presentation) presented for this agenda item includes much information about gender parity. While recognizing that gender parity is indeed important, Sweden would be interested to hear from the Administrator about the relative weight that the organization places on gender-training of RCs and resident representatives, including training in dialogue-skills, with the aim of furthering gender-equality work at country-level.

Thank you