Thank you chair,

First of all Sweden would like to thank UNDP for having undertaken the review and for presenting the report. As spelled out in the report, the reviews about this funding modality have been mixed. It would however appear as if UNDP’s experience with direct budget support at country-level has mostly been positive.

Sweden does not see the provision of direct budget support as a core competency of UNDP. Based on the fact that some programme countries find it desirable and that it contributes to UNDP playing its role in the up-stream policy-dialogue we are however prepared to support the continued use of the modality as such. We do however want to stress that we do not view this as a modality that UNDP should use at too large a scale. In that context we would be interested in hearing from UNDP how they view their future engagement in direct budget support and how we as board-members will be kept informed.

Thank you