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Mr. President

We welcome the proposal before us today from UNDP.

It marks an improvement on key issues such as national ownership and better synchronisation with national led processes and on UN system wide coherence.

It also fits in with the Strategic Plan’s requirements for better tracking of results and the contribution made at a global level, better evaluation and cost savings both for the country concerned and for the UN.

We think it is urgent to put these proposed modifications into effect, now that the new Strategic Plans have entered into force.

We think that the balance is about right between country and New York processes.

However, we would like to underline four points:

1. The most urgent priority regarding this CPD is to harmonise templates. It would be good to hear why this has not been done with this proposal.

2. A joint approach implies that the entities are at least heading towards the same destination at the same time. It is for this reason that we would like to see a harmonised decision at this Board and UNICEF next week

3. UNDAF. We recommend that this decision ensures that the RC and country team be closely consulted on the draft CPD coming from the agencies to ensure its alignment with the UNDAF.

4. Transparency. We do not wish to see any undermining of this and request UNDP’s view on how comments made by Member States during the initial three week phase will be shared with the Board.
5. Harmonisation. We consider this more of a joint than a harmonised approach and would like to see more efforts this year towards simplification and harmonisation of programming instruments and processes.

Finally, we would also like to take this opportunity to call for the urgent and full development and implementation of the Joint Work Plans to avoid duplication at country level, as called for in the SOPs.

We are not yet convinced that the proposal takes properly into account of those countries who choose to use the Delivering as One modality, which this year will see an increasing number of countries doing this and using the recently agreed Standard Operating Procedures.

We look forward to a discussion next month at ECOSOC to see how we can adequately address these issues. END