President,

The ongoing reforms of the United Nations, is the most advanced undertaking of the system ever. Sweden stays firmly devoted to these reforms and recognizes also UN Women’s commitment. The new RC-system brings an opportunity for the RCs to become true champions and advocates for UN Women’s core values as a rights-based organization. We highly appreciate your contribution to the Mutual Accountability Framework, to define the role and responsibility of the RC and country team members, in the area of leaving no one behind, human rights, gender equality and women’s empowerment.

In addition, we would like to commend UN Women for your active contribution to developing the UNSDCF guidance. Gender equality and women’s empowerment are now recognized as guiding principles for this framework.

We thank UN Women for the detailed update on the implementation provided for this session and look forward to further updates along the way. In that regard, we especially encourage UN Women to keep Member States closely informed of the ongoing change management process. That would increase our understanding of the process, and ensure that we can support you in every step of its implementation.

President,

The reform will only be truly successful if it leads to better results for women and men, boys and girls on the ground to reach Agenda 2030. What can you tell us about the
expected culture change at country level so far, and the cooperation with other UN agencies?

Thank you.