Thank you very much, Mr. President.

My delegation supports the statement delivered by Cuba, on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

This year has been an important one for the United Nations Development System. The various funds, programs and specialized agencies that comprise it have been actively involved in the process of implementing the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR), achieving the Millennium Development Goals and formulating a new development agenda beyond 2015.

We emphasize the crucial step represented by the approval of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget for the various funds and programs of the United Nations - the United Nations Development Program, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. We congratulate each of these for their efforts in aligning these documents with the QCPR.

Mexico also appreciates the efforts by the management of each of these entities to include the interests and needs of all developing countries, in particular those in the Latin American region, in their planning instruments.

There has also been progress in the definition of a mechanism for joint funding of the Resident Coordinator System, in the establishment of Standard Operating Procedures for the voluntary adoption of the “Delivering as One” model and in joint follow-up indicators for the implementation and evaluation of the QCPR.

We consider that these actions will lead to a stronger development pillar at the United Nations.
Mr. Chair,

Mexico considers that the operational activities for development of the United Nations System are critical in effectively supporting national efforts for development and poverty eradication. It is thus natural and laudable that most of these efforts are focused on countries that are in most need.

However, the amount and complexity of development challenges demand that the support of the international community maintains its universal character. All funds, programs and specialized agencies of the United Nations should thus maintain their physical and programmatic presence in all developing countries, including middle-income countries.

Development challenges require that the operational activities of the United Nations System operate in an increasingly efficient and coordinated manner. Mexico will continue to promote the improvement of the processes by which they function, in the spirit of “Delivering as One”, in order to foster better outcomes for all peoples.

We highlight the importance of the work of the United Nations Development Group, the Resident Coordinator System and the Regional Commissions, while supporting increased programmatic cooperation and organizational synergies, both at Headquarters and in the field, and through the arrangements that best suit host countries and aide them in achieving their objectives.

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes to stress the growing importance of South-South Cooperation as a clear expression of the commitments of the countries of the South with other developing countries, guided by the principles of solidarity, non-conditionality and mutual benefit.

The increasingly important role of South-South Cooperation in the international development architecture is a result of the specific advantages it has for partners engaging in it. It has proven to be a useful tool to promote development through the exchange of knowledge, experiences and best practices among nations that have faced similar challenges.

However, it is important to emphasize that, despite its growing importance, South-South Cooperation will remain a complement and not a substitute for traditional North-South cooperation. The technical and financial support from traditional donors is essential in supporting the development efforts of the countries of the South. Triangular cooperation is an excellent example of how these two forms of cooperation can reinforce each other.

In this context, it is essential that the United Nations Development System works together to effectively mainstream South-South Cooperation and triangular cooperation as basic and supplementary forms of its effort for development.

Mr. President,

Mexico will contribute constructively to the discussions on this important agenda item.

Thank you very much.