Under Agenda Item 24, sub-items (a) & (b): Operational Activities for Development & South-South Cooperation

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to associate myself with the statement made by Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and add a few points in my own national capacity.

The importance of this year's session is magnified on various aspects:

- firstly, the QCPR (Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review) resolution (67/226) is somethinonewly adopted by the General Assembly of the UN, which sets the main directions for the Operational Activities of the UN related organs;

- secondly, the major UN players, which are subject to the issue of operational activities, have just prepared or are preparing their own quadrennial strategic funds and programs;

- thirdly, the big picture of the Post Rio Processes is now getting more clear shape in terms of setting goals and targets for global sustainable development.

Accordingly, Mr. Chairman, the Islamic Republic of Iran would like to stress the following salient points in relations with the operational activities of the UN related bodies:

a. The principle of country ownership in both Macro and Micro programming of the UN related bodies' operational activities should continue to be strictly adhered at any stage and level of development;