The United States reaffirms our support for overall UN Development System reform and the five key areas for further concerted action highlighted in the joint statement delivered during the 2020 Second Regular Session of the Executive Boards. In particular, we underscore the importance of meaningful, in-country consultation with Member States on both UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and Country Program Documents (CPDs) prior to adoption of CPDs, while noting the following.

Regarding our position on the Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), the United States supports the transparency and accountability possible through a coordinated response plan. However, the United States does not support certain elements of the GHRP. We wish to refer you to our statement delivered on June 11, 2020 on the Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the Economic and Social Council (which can be found at: https://usun.usmission.gov/statement-on-the-humanitarian-affairs-segment-of-the-economic-and-social-council/).

The United States also notes that the term “greener” is not clearly defined, and reads this term to pertain to sustainable development, while also noting the need to focus on economic recovery for those devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.