Chair/ Madam Chair

I deliver this statement on behalf of the following cross regional group of Member States: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States, Turkey, Ukraine and my own country, Switzerland.

The 2020 QCPR has provided the United Nations Development System entities with a renewed mandate to further strengthen their commitment to and implementation of the UNDS Reform and to ensure increased coherence and collaboration, aiming for an efficient and effective delivery of the UNDS in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda. The QCPR also enables the UNDS entities to respond to the evolving global context, including emergent and protracted crises, as exemplified through the commendable work of the UN Agencies in rapidly responding to the crises in Afghanistan and Haiti.

At global level, the Strategic Plans of the four funds and programmes provide the necessary framework to anchor and translate the QCPR mandate into strategic programming and operational activities.

The high degree of interlinkages and complementarities across the UNDS and in particular amongst the four funds and programmes is reflected in their respective Strategic Plans and the numerous complementary and common indicators in the four
agencies’ Integrated Results and Resources Frameworks. This alignment at strategic levels will greatly facilitate the establishment of the new generation of UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks at country levels under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator.

We therefore commend the agencies’ efforts to identify areas of joint engagement and to align their respective contributions to results achieved collectively, thereby making these connections and complementarities visible and measurable, and contributing to a stronger and more effective UN Development System.

At the heart of these collective results lies the understanding of each individual agency’s comparative advantage and specific mandates, but also the demonstration and harnessing of synergies between them.

These comparative advantages must be leveraged for coordinated and effective system-wide collaboration as well as agency-specific contributions to meeting the needs on the ground, notably at country levels and with effective coordination and the leadership of the Resident Coordinator, to achieve collective results more effectively and efficiently.

We therefore expect the agencies, with reference to their common and complementary indicators, to monitor and report on results achieved collectively particularly in building capacities and enabling environment for achieving long-term development results from a system-wide perspective, based on the understanding of leveraging comparative advantages for greater coherence, efficiency and effectiveness.
In addition, the Mid-Term Review of the Strategic Plans will provide an opportunity to take stock of and adjust partnership modalities and agency specific contributions in areas of joint engagement.

Let me close by re-iterating our commitment to support the UN system’s continued efforts to shape, refine and expand its approaches for accelerated, system-wide, collective action towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the decade of action based on the lessons learnt provided through consistent monitoring and reporting of common and complementary indicators.

Thank you.