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Dear ESSs,

The DSG chaired last week the first informal plenary consultation on the review of the functioning of the Resident Coordinator system, which took place at UNHQ (hybrid format) last Thursday afternoon, 29 April 2021.

In her opening remarks, the DSG recalled the overall parameters of the Resident Coordinator system (RCS) review as contained in GA resolution 72/279 - that requested the SG "to submit for the consideration of the GA, before the end of its 75th session, a review with recommendations on the functioning of the reinvigorated RCS including its funding arrangement" – and referred to the Letter sent by the SG to MSs on 1 April and the MSs' Engagement Plan for additional information (both attached). The goal of the first informal plenary was to listen to MSs expectations and views on the RCS review.

The SG report to be issued in early June will contain evidence-based diagnoses of areas of achievement and course correction needed. The review will consider four areas: i. whether the RCS is performing at the right level to ensure more cohesive and effective support for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda; ii. if DCO and RCOs have the needed backstopping capacities to support the RCs; iii. if there are right accountabilities in place between the RCs and UNCTs and between the country, regional and global levels; and iv. If there is a right funding modality in place to ensure sustainability and predictability of funding.

Finally, she informed that the consultation will be supported by internal team in her office lead by Ambassador Koki Muli (Kenya) and Mr. John Hendra.

In their comments, MSs voiced broad support for the review of the RCS and while many stressed the need for the review to put forward recommendations on how to achieve adequate, predictable and sustainable RCS funding, the US flagged early opposition towards any recommendations for assessed funding and Japan suggested to review downwards the overall funding requirements of the RCS. Various developing groups and countries reiterated that development and poverty eradication should remain the focus of the RC system, and others stressed the need to strengthen the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. MSs stressed that the review should be evidence-based and highlighted areas they expect the review will assess, among others: RCS performance; RCS funding; whether RCS has the appropriate capacity and how non-resident agencies are engaging with RCOs (UK). Furthermore, the G77 asked for updates on the implementation of the regional review, particularly on what pertains to the RCS, how it involves the work of RCOs and how UNDS entities are providing support to countries in special situations (see para 10 resolution 75/233). Finally, the Republic of Korea stressed the importance of partnerships, i.e. between the RCs and UNCTs and regional international organizations and the private sector, especially on innovative financing strategies for the SDGs, noting that partnerships are key and further progress in this area is needed, beyond the convening function.

For more details, please see the attached RCNYO report.

With regards,

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