

**Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Katalin Annamária Bogyay, Permanent Representative of
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At the presentation by the Secretary General of the report on the repositioning of the UN
development system to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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Your Excellences, Distinguished Colleagues, Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

- Hungary welcomes the report on the Secretary-General's vision on repositioning the UN development system to support the 2030 Agenda effectively.
- We support the report's goal to review the current functions and existing capacities of the UN entities with a development mandate aiming at improving the overall coordination, along with the approach to identify gaps, overlaps and challenges.
- Member States have been calling for deeper accountability, more transparency and stronger oversight for a long time now, so the 2030 Agenda is a golden opportunity to make the UN development family fit for purpose.
- We are at the beginning of a change process and ready to contribute to the UN's joint thinking from the Member States' perspective. I believe this should be helpful in the preparation of the second report due in December this year, in line with the mandate from the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) resolution.
- While it is crucial to build on existing mechanisms and functions, the ambition of the 2030 Agenda makes it necessary to scale up coherence and efficiency. I see two main areas, where the UN development system would need to go through major improvements:
 - As co-moderator of the General Assembly's working level dialogue on improving the integration and coordination of the work of the UN on the water-related SDGs with Tajikistan, I would like to stress that the report underlines significant gaps that data had shown in coverage of first and foremost SDG 6 on water and sanitation, besides other cross-cutting issues. Our dialogue on World Water day, 22 March discussed how challenges can be addressed and opportunities seized through strengthening cooperation and partnerships over the provision of adequate freshwater resources, sanitation and hygiene, as well as sustainable water resources management.

The message was clear that Member States and stakeholders need an improved and more integrated support by the UN system to implement and follow up these complex SDGs in a coherent manner. After the second successful dialogue that we held with Tajikistan on 30 May, we are seeking guidance by the President of the General Assembly on possible next steps. It is clear already at this stage however, that there is willingness by the majority of Member States to continue this exchange of views in some format. I am therefore promoting mutual understanding among Member States and all relevant stakeholders by looking at convergences and working towards solutions. Water needs a place at the UN development system!

- The second area is human trafficking, forced labour, sexual exploitation and other forms of modern slavery, where Hungary sees the need to step up coherence among actions of UN entities linked to the areas of conflict prevention and counterterrorism, including through strengthening ICAT, the Inter-Agency Coordination Group Against Trafficking in Persons.
- I trust that these points shall be taken on board in elaborating recommendations and the proposed system-wide strategic document for December.

I thank you for your kind attention!