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Agenda item 3. Programme performance review 2018-2019, including relevant UN Environment Assembly Resolutions

the UN Development System Reforms

Comments by the European Union and its Member States

Oral statement

General comments

- EU/MS would like to thank UNEP for the comprehensive note identifying steps taken since June 2019 to implement the Roadmap for mainstreaming UNDS Reforms.
- We share UNEP's positive perception of the reform. For an efficient implementation of the reform, UNEP needs to focus on partnerships with other UN actors. A more coordinated UN country team and an independent resident coordinator provide an opportunity for UNEP to contribute to the UN's work without having to be present in the field.

Specific comments

- With regards to the Reinvigorated Resident Coordinator System: We are pleased to note the outreach activities done in some parts of the world and look forward to seeing a broader global coverage in activities. It is very important for UNEP to ensure that sufficient knowledge of environmental aspects of the SDG's is transferred to the RC System.
- Concerning the funding of the RC system: We are pleased that further steps are taken to implement the 1% levy. Regarding the collection and transfer of the levy, it is

important that no new structures are put in place within the organisation to meet this goal.

- Regarding measures to put forward candidates who have passed the UNRC assessment to deploy as RCs, it would be interesting to hear about the measures and timelines.
 - Concerning the extensive Dialogue (2-4 September) with the full set of UNRCs deployed in Africa (to be replicated in other regions), it would be interesting to receive information from UNEP of the lessons learnt.
 - Regarding UNEP's in-country representatives and regional offices reporting to RCs on UNEP contribution to collective results on the ground, we would like to receive information from UNEP on the reporting cycle and how the RCs intend to use this information.
 - With regards to the 15 % of non-core resources to joint UN activities: We are pleased to note that steps have been taken to report on the new QCPR Indicator.
 - Concerning the Cooperation Framework Processes and staff capacities: We are pleased to see a comprehensive list of planned activities. The timeframe of these activities should however be clarified. We propose to continue strengthening the capacities of the staff in order to fully incorporate the environmental dimension of the sustainable development in the cooperation framework processes.
 - We encourage UNEP's strengthened engagement in Cooperation Frameworks processes through e.g. UNEP 'menu of services' offered to governments, UNCTs and RCs. However, we would welcome more information from UNEP on what in practice the 'menu of services' would entail, how they will be developed, what agencies will be involved and how and when the effectiveness of this approach will be monitored and evaluated.
 - We welcome the proposed ways to provide accurate data into the CCA through the World Environment Situation Room and to further strengthen the capacity of other UN Agencies in order to better integrate the environmental dimensions in their work.
 - We would like to remind the Secretariat to provide further information of potential costs and savings to UNEP, linked to the implementation of the UNDS reform.
 - Furthermore, we would appreciate to get more clarity on how the activities set out in the document feed into the development of the MTS and related consultations, including with other UN agencies.
 - In that context, we request the UNEP Secretariat to provide an update to the CPR on the state of play, in due time for the MS to take into account the latest developments in their considerations related to the MTS.
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