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**Statement of the Delegation of Ukraine
at the ECOSOC general debate on a.i. 3 "Operational activities of the United Nations
for international development cooperation"**

(July 16, 2012, New York)

Mr. President,

Ukraine aligns itself with the statement of the European Union.

In my national capacity I would like to make some remarks that are of particular interest to Ukraine.

First of all I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report entitled «Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system» and other background information for this agenda item. We appreciate thorough involvement of all major stakeholders in the preparation process and substantial efforts invested in drafting these documents which make them a really good basis for discussion.

We acknowledge and commend the progress in enhancing the coherence and functioning of the UN system since 2007 TCPR. It is all the more important that this advancement was made in a time of serious economic turmoil when the UN system was challenged to meet the growing demands for more varied assistance with limited resource base. We support the central message of the Secretary-General on the need of adapting of the UN to the changing development landscape and consider the 2012 Quadrennial review as a valuable opportunity to take action to further the effectiveness and efficiency of the UN operational activities for development.

Mr. President,

Ukraine commends the UN "Delivering as One" approach that has proven the efficiency and effectiveness of the UN System in implementation of the development policy on the ground. In our view, "Delivering as One" represents the way the UN should operate in the future in support of national development plans and priorities.

The UN's operational activities constitute an important inflow of resources for developing countries. We are pleased to note that the overall funding for UN operational activities more than doubled in the 1995-2010 period in real terms. However, of serious concern is a decline of 2,7 per cent in ODA funding provided by OECD/DAC countries in 2011. In our view, further attention should also be given to reversing the growing imbalance between core and non-core funding, and to advancing the predictability, reliability and stability of funding flows.

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My delegation welcomes gains made at the system-wide level to improve the resident-coordinator system as well as strengthened focus on support of capacity-development in programme countries.

Ukraine appreciates active involvement of all UN bodies in the process of improvement of ways and modalities of the empowerment of women. The establishment of UN-Women was a historic step towards a more coherent UN system.

Ukraine fully supports UN-Women activity. We welcome 5 thematic priorities and 5 core principles determined by Under-Secretary-General for UN-Women, as a good point of departure.

As a member of UN Women Executive Board, Ukraine focuses on improving coordination among UN Member-States for ensuring gender equality, implementing policies, measures and practices aiming to reduce gender inequality in all its manifestations, in particular in leadership and decision-making, elimination of violence against women and girls and trafficking of them. We will also pay particular attention to ensuring more effective use of resources for relevant programs and projects in specific countries and regions.

Mr. President,

We would like to praise an excellent coordination and collaboration between the Government of Ukraine and the UN Team in Ukraine. We note with satisfaction the level of our cooperation with UNDP. Highly important is the support in the field of implementation of the programmes aimed at sustained economic growth and poverty reduction, social development, governance, environment and climate change.

The delegation of Ukraine would also like to commend the UN Children's Fund for important work done in supporting the Ukrainian authorities in creation of a favourable environment for children in Ukraine, in particular in child health, combating HIV/AIDS, child protection and advocacy.

Ukraine positively evaluates the level of cooperation between the Government of Ukraine and the United Nations Population Fund. We are grateful to UNFPA being increasingly involved in supporting the Ukrainian authorities in such areas as reproductive health, HIV/AIDS prevention and care, promoting safe behaviour among youth; population research, gender equality and implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

My delegation would like to praise UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF country and regional teams, and their New York-based Offices for the dedicated work over the new country programmes documents for Ukraine for 2012-2016.

These new country programmes are aligned with the National Programme of economic reforms of Ukraine for 2010-2014, the National Millennium Development Goals and the Ukraine-United Nations Partnership Framework for 2012-2016. For its part, the Government of Ukraine, in cooperation with national civil society, looks forward to their full and effective implementation.

Thank you, Mr. President.