Report of the United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

- 1. The report of the Secretary-General before the Committee is in response to paragraph 72 of General Assembly resolution 70/247 wherein the Assembly recalls paragraphs IV.24 to IV.28 of the report of the Advisory Committee A/70/7 and requests the Secretary-General to provide further detailed information on the proposed Secretariat contribution to support the Resident Coordinator System at the first part of the resumed seventieth session of the General Assembly.
- 2. The report before you provides a more in-depth explanation of the funding of, and the United Nations Secretariat contribution to, the RC System. In particular, Tables 1, 2 and 3 provide a breakdown of the RC System funding at the global, regional, and country level and Table 4 provides a breakdown of the cost-sharing formula for 2016 and 2017.
- 3. The RC System helps United Nations Secretariat entities to be more effective, efficient and reliable partners for Governments, including in supporting the 2030 Agenda for

sustainable development. The RC System provides services including access, organizational support, information-sharing and analysis, and participation in system-wide planning. These services are different in nature from transaction based services, which may be directly provided by UNDP, which are reimbursed on a transaction basis, and which are not covered by the requested funding.

- 4. The cost-sharing arrangement is key in securing a well-functioning and sustainable RC System. The requested resources represent a portion of the cost-sharing arrangement, based on the objective criteria of expenditure, staffing size, and participation in system-wide planning.
- 5. On this basis, the Secretary-General requests an appropriation in the amount of \$13,321,574 as the United Nations Secretariat contribution to the RC System for the biennium 2016-2017.