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Dear Mr. Steiner, Members of the Board, and Observers:

I thank you for convening this meeting.

Colombia believes that we need to redouble our multilateral efforts and solidarity to address successfully the impact of the COVID-19.

I would like to refer to the following 5 points:

1. Efficient, widespread, and just vaccination is one the most important issues for humanity at the present.

Vaccines should be a global public good.

It is an ethical and moral issue.



2. We need to focus our efforts on recovery and socio-economic reactivation.

UNDP has a pivotal role to play, especially in the Global South.

3. Coordination is essential to facilitate this process. The UN Development System reform is a catalyst in this direction.
4. Reconstruction should respect all the time the environment. It must embrace renewable energy and green and resilient infrastructure.
5. We need to strengthen national and local capabilities.

In this context, the implementation of the new QCPR and the UNDP Strategic Plan has an enormous value.

They are important tools to support socioeconomic recovery while contributing to achieving the SDGs, favoring inter-agency work, and promoting coherence.

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Dear Chair,

I conclude by highlighting the recent regional launch of the “Human Development Report” that took place in Colombia with the participation of our President.

The message that we sent was very clear: with determination, political will, and leadership you can build an extraordinary engagement with UNDP to promote inclusive and sustainable development.

Your actions have inspired my government and the 45 million Colombians.

Thank you.