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- Dear Presidents of the Executive Boards, Directors of the Agencies, Funds and Programs, Members of the Executive Boards and Observers:
- I would like to thank you for convening this meeting of the Executive Boards in order to address one the main challenges that world is facing at the present time: the pandemic COVID-19 and our collective responses.
- It is important to underline the great progress that has been made in the implementation of the United Nations Development System.
- Also, I want to highlight the advances obtained in the new Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and the strengthening of the role of the Resident Coordinator System around the world.
- Definitely these elements contribute to the increase in the efficiency of the use of resources; the strengthening of teamwork; and the better use of the comparative advantages of each of the Agencies, Funds and Programs.
- In the framework of the spread of the COVID-19, the Government of Colombia has made enormous efforts to prevent and mitigate the contagion, as well as it has taken all measures possible to contribute for the recovery.

- In comparative terms, the performance of Colombia against this virus is very positive in the region. National authorities have proceeded with determination and with a sense of urgency, taking into account the best practices around the world.

- In this regard, I thank the active support of the United Nations in the process of answering the challenges presented by the pandemic. In this field I should mention:
 1. The support in the consolidation of the Core Group to coordinate the cooperation of UN agencies and NGOs in Colombia. Currently led by the Resident Coordinator, it is oriented towards two lines: humanitarian attention and economic recovery.
 2. The participation in the preparation of our Intersectoral Plan for the Response to COVID-19.
 3. The procurement of hospital supplies; food and health support; communications and psycho-social care; among other tasks.

- Colombia values the benefits derived from the articulated action of the United Nations System to respond to the virus.

- All the work we have done and what we are going to do, requires an extraordinary amount of resources to facilitate the recovery of the economies. For this reason, it is important to deepen the work and to strengthen collaboration between International Financial Institutions and Agencies, Funds and Programs.

- To conclude, I would like to indicate that today we have a double challenge: reaching the SDGs and recovering from the COVID-19. We need to accelerate and strengthen our efforts in order to comply with our current challenges. There is no doubt that this is the time for more coordination and more solidarity.

Thank you.