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Mr. President, Mr. Administrator, Mr. Executive Secretary, and members of the Executive Board.

Thank you for convening this important session of the Executive Board.

I would like to start highlighting the role of UNDP in Colombia and its invaluable support in the coordination of our national response to the pandemic, especially in relation to the socioeconomic reactivation and integration of migrants from Venezuela.

This global and local response to the threat of COVID-19 has been facilitated due to the implementation of the reform of the United Nations Development System.

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There is no doubt that the reform has set the basis of a valuable process of renewing the relationship of the Agencies, Funds, and Programs with the States, by the strengthening the inter-agency work and reducing the duplication of efforts and the atomization of cooperation.

The strategic vision of UNDP has favored this organizational transformation, as well as the creation of an entity fit for purpose and oriented to lead the future of development in the world.

Within this context, I want to refer to three elements that I consider relevant for the strategic planning process that is about to start:

1. Colombia values UNDP's effort to increase joint work within the United Nations Country Teams, as one of the principles of the Reform.

We encourage the Program to implement new mechanisms and partnership schemes to share with different entities of the United Nations System.

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It has the purpose of allowing a better use of our limited assets, avoiding duplication in procedures and reducing competition for resources between Agencies.

2. Given the advances in the field of the Structured Finance Dialogue, it is important to seek and implement innovative forms of financing, to avoid outlays or higher fees by member States, and to mitigate the risk of depending on traditional financial sources.

3. Regarding UNDP international cooperation with Middle-Income Countries, it is necessary to remember that MICs represent the biggest number of developing countries and the poorest and most vulnerable people of the world.

Therefore, Colombia considers that the classification of countries by income level is insufficient to measure the progress towards multidimensional development.

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This restrictive classification also limits UNDP's ability to respond to the complex challenges facing those nations. It would be appropriate to have a specific vision on international cooperation given these circumstances.

To conclude, Colombia would like to reiterate its supports to UNDP and looks forward to the adoption of our new CPD, that will focus the future work on the fields of Peace with Legality, migratory challenges, and catalytic SDGs.