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Mr. President,

Thank you for convening this meeting.

Under the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19, Colombia reaffirms its full support to the agency.

Women have been the most affected by the pandemic from a socio-economic perspective.

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Major efforts and resources should be put in place to build back better and tackle the loss of jobs, the unbalanced distribution of care, and the increasing domestic violence.

We want to highlight the commitment of UN-WOMEN to the United Nations Development System reform process.

Women empowerment and gender equality should be placed at the center of the 2030 Agenda.

They shall remain as a paramount, cross-cutting issue, in the Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks.

The role of the Organization is pivotal to this endeavor, which will require the successful implementation of the QCPR resolution and the continuous enhancement of the coordination among agencies.

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Through the mobilization of strategic partnerships, empowerment can also be increased, reinforcing interventions on productive projects, care, and solidarity economy.

The discussion of the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 provides a relevant opportunity to introduce the measures needed to make this possible.

Mr. President,

Last January 7th Colombia and UN-WOMEN signed the Country Program for 2021-2024.

This was adopted according to the guidelines of the United Nations Development System reform, optimizing the use of resources, allowing a specialized approach for interventions in the territories, and focusing on delivering results.

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The program gives special relevance to the economic empowerment of women.

Furthermore, it helps to close the information gaps in statistics, to assess progress in the implementation of SDGs, to fight against violence, and to help migrants.

In that regard, I would like to highlight the recent announcement by President Duque regarding the temporarily protective legal status that Colombia will provide to the 1.7 million Venezuelan that are living in our country.

This policy allows the Venezuelan migrants to exercise legal activities and to benefit from the social protection from the State.

It is a historic decision in favor of the most vulnerable.

It shows a deep sense of solidarity and courage.

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To conclude, Colombia is committed to work closely with the agency to successfully implement the Program and to achieve a transformative outcome during the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 consultation process.

Women's agenda is in our hearts.

It is a national priority.

Thank you.