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Implementing the Standard Operating Procedures to Advance our Post-2015 Development Contribution

Dear Resident Co-ordinators and Members of UN Country Teams,

As called for in the Secretary-General's Five Year Action Agenda, and mindful of guidance from Member States in the QCPR resolution, the undersigned heads of agencies/UN entities are committed to the UN development system working together for greater relevance and impact. "Together, we are better" drives the second generation of "Delivering as one" in the post-2015 period.

Through the QCPR and in the latest ECOSOC resolution, Member States have left us in no doubt that they wish to see a strong UN development system which is both relevant to and ready to deliver on the post-2015 sustainable development goals. Their expectations are high. They want to see a well co-ordinated, coherent system which is equipped to rally behind the new global agenda with pragmatic, well-grounded means of implementation and a results orientation.

In releasing these *Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Countries Adopting the "Delivering as one" Approach* on a voluntary basis the UNDG has responded to this call. It has developed and approved the SOPs, together with an associated, integrated package of support; both are attached to this message. The SOPs will be a living document that will be updated and complemented based on the experiences in implementation. The SOPs enable our operational co-ordination and policy and programme effectiveness, and the achievement of strategic results at the country level. They are available for adoption by all country teams which seek to pursue more effective, joined-up ways of working which deliver results.



In sharing this with you, we demonstrate our full commitment and support to the Secretary-General's call for all of the UN system to work better together. In this spirit, we look forward to seeing UN Country Teams taking steps towards the progressive implementation of the SOPs in their country.

Yours sincerely,

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