On 31 May 2018, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution A/RES/72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system. Below is an overview of critical mandates provided by the resolution, the operationalization of which will be detailed in full consultation with entities of the United Nations development system. The resolution:

1. Endorses the Secretary-General’s proposals for a **reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system**. It separates the functions of Resident Coordinators from those of the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme; strengthens the accountability between Resident Coordinators and the Secretary-General; and establishes a matrixed dual reporting model to structure the relationship between Resident Coordinators and members of the United Nations country teams.

2. Proposes a **hybrid funding formula** (cost-sharing amongst UN entities, voluntary funding and levy on donor funding earmarked to projects) to help secure adequate and predictable funding for the Resident Coordinator system. This is an alternative to the Secretary-General’s proposal to fully fund the Resident Coordinator system through the regular budget of the United Nations. The Secretary-General will be sharing further details on the operationalization of the hybrid funding model as part of an Implementation Plan to be shared with Member States by mid-September 2017.

3. Endorses the **transformation of the United Nations Development Operations Coordination Office (DOCO) into a stand-alone office with managerial and oversight functions of the Resident Coordinator system**. DOCO will report directly to the Deputy Secretary-General, in her capacity as chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group and will provide an annual report to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

4. Approves the **establishment of a new generation of UN country teams**, through a revitalized, strategic and results-oriented United Nations development assistance framework; a new approach to physical presence with appropriate criteria to ensure tailored responses to country needs and priorities; and the advancement of common business operations, including common back offices and common premises.

5. Endorses a **two-phased approach to reposition our work at the regional level, on a region-by-region basis**. The Executive Office of the Secretary-General will soon launch a dedicated work-stream to take this critical work forward, with immediate optimization of working arrangements under existing mandates and resources, while we undertake a review of options for the longer-term repositioning of our regional assets.

6. Paves the way for continued efforts in enhancing the **transparency and accountability of system-wide results**, including through the ECOSOC, entity-specific governing bodies, and stronger capacities for system-wide evaluations.

7. Welcomes the proposal of a **Funding Compact**, which will be operationalized through a Funding Dialogue, and is expected to improve the quality and predictability of resources for the UN development system.

8. Requests that the **Secretary-General reports to the ECOSOC on the progress in establishing a reinvigorated RC system** at the 2019 ECOSOC Segment on Operational Activities and to the 74th session of the General Assembly. He is also requested to present an implementation plan for the new Resident Coordinator system by mid-September 2018.

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