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**Operational activities for development: operational activities  
for development of the United Nations system**

**Fiji:\* draft resolution**

**Operational activities for development of the  
United Nations system**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution [67/226](#) of 21 December 2012 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/5 of 12 July 2013 on progress in the implementation of resolution [67/226](#),

*Recalling also* the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and its outcome document,<sup>1</sup> and the outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,<sup>2</sup>

*Reaffirming* the importance of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

*Recalling* the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations system so as to ensure that policy orientations established by the General Assembly are implemented on a system-wide basis in accordance with Assembly resolutions [57/270](#) B of 23 June 2003, [61/16](#) of 20 November 2006 and [68/1](#) of 20 September 2013 and other relevant resolutions,

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

<sup>1</sup> See resolution 65/1.

<sup>2</sup> See resolution 68/6.



*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General submitted to the Economic and Social Council at the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2013,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2011,<sup>4</sup> recalls the sections of resolution [67/226](#) on the simplification and harmonization of business practices, results-based management, follow-up and monitoring, and evaluation of operational activities for development, and its emphasis on the five main areas of development, namely, capacity-building, poverty eradication, South-South cooperation, gender equality and women's empowerment, and transition from relief to development;

2. *Reaffirms* that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism, as well as their ability to respond to the development needs of programme countries in a flexible manner, and that they are carried out for the benefit of programme countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development;

3. *Underscores* that there is no "one size fits all" approach to development and that development assistance by the United Nations development system should be able to respond to the varying development needs of programme countries and should be in alignment with their national development plans and strategies in accordance with established mandates;

4. *Stresses* that core resources, because of their untied nature, continue to be the bedrock of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and, in that regard, notes with concern the growing imbalance between core and non-core funding of such activities;

5. *Recalls* the concern expressed by the General Assembly in its resolution [67/226](#) over the lack of progress by the governing bodies in the development and operationalization of the concept of the "critical mass" of core resources, which has since also been mentioned in the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>4</sup>

6. *Reaffirms* the importance of the contribution of operational activities for development of the United Nations development system in addressing the key areas identified in the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, namely, the overarching objective of poverty eradication, capacity-building and development, gender equality and women's empowerment, and transition from relief to development;

7. *Encourages* the United Nations development system to share good practices of programmes and policies that address inequalities for the benefit of those living in poverty and to promote their active participation in the design and implementation of such programmes and policies, with the aim of accelerating progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda;

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<sup>3</sup> E/2013/94.

<sup>4</sup> A/68/97-E/2013/87.

8. *Reaffirms* the increased importance of South-South cooperation, and in this regard calls upon the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and other entities of the United Nations system to mainstream support to South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation into the regular country-level programming of operational activities for development, to strengthen support mechanisms at the global and regional levels, including drawing upon the knowledge networks of global entities and the capacities of the regional commissions and the United Nations development system regional teams, and to help developing countries, at their request and with their ownership and leadership, to develop capacities to maximize the benefits and impact of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation in order to achieve their national goals, with special emphasis on the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of strengthening strategies for operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in order to contribute to accelerating progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, especially in the least developed countries and other developing countries that are lagging behind in meeting the targets, and to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda;

10. *Recalls* Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/5 on operational activities for development, and expresses appreciation for the guidance provided by the Council on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [67/226](#);

11. *Notes with appreciation* the policy document for independent system-wide evaluation of United Nations operational activities for development prepared by the interim coordination mechanism for system-wide evaluation of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in this regard, decides, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/5, that two pilot independent system-wide evaluations shall be conducted in 2014, and that the themes of these two evaluations shall be “Evaluation of the contributions of the United Nations development system to achieving the overarching goal of poverty eradication” and “Evaluation of the contribution of the United Nations development system to strengthening national capacities of policy development and implementation”, and requests the interim coordination mechanism to provide an update on progress in the implementation of the pilot independent system-wide evaluations to the Economic and Social Council at the operational activities segment of its session in 2015;

12. *Recognizes* the need to review the composition and functioning of the governing structures of United Nations funds and programmes, in this regard, invites the Economic and Social Council, at its operational activities segment, and United Nations funds and programmes and specialized agencies to initiate dialogues on this matter, and, in this context, requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to present a report on governance of United Nations funds and programmes to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session;

13. *Notes* that the implementation of General Assembly resolution [68/1](#) will require amendments to the reporting cycles of the United Nations development system set out by the Assembly in its resolution [67/226](#);

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the comprehensive analysis of the implementation of resolution [67/226](#) to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with the provisions of that resolution.

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