Thank you Madame Chair

1. At the outset, we would like to thank the UNDP Associate Administrator, as well as the Director of the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, for their introduction of the Framework and their strong leadership in support to South-South cooperation.

2. Peru would like to emphasize that the recently adopted Declaration of the Foreign Ministers of the G-77 and China reiterate their strong support to the mandate of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and stresses that the Office is the articulator of South-South cooperation in the United Nations system.

3. We would like to commend the fact that the Strategic framework was developed in a broad consultative manner and built upon past successes and lessons learned. We consider it aligns with Member States needs and priorities and has been developed taking into consideration UNOSSC mandate as per GA resolutions and recommendations in the HLC decisions.

4. Peru believes that the document gives a clear view of how to implement its three main outcomes which include the following five services: (a) facilitation of, and reporting on, intergovernmental processes and reporting; (b) capacity development; (c) knowledge co-creation and management; (d) a South-South and triangular cooperation solution lab; and (e) trust-fund management.

5. Having mentioned that, I am glad to inform that Peru has strengthened its South-South Cooperation actions in recent years. We have not only significantly increased the number of projects but for some time now, we are a dual country, a provider as well as a recipient of cooperation.

6. These initiatives have been carried out mainly with countries in Latin America and the Caribbean but with a clear aspiration to reach other regions of the world. The areas we have been working on are health; environment; social, productive and agricultural development; tourism; water and sanitation; livestock; gastronomy; and fishing and aquaculture, prioritizing a cross-cutting approach.

7. Despite the global health emergency and the closure of international borders during the pandemic, Peru continued to develop project activities virtually, continuing to strengthen national capacities and generate added value with our partners.
8. Finally, I would like to thank Director Abdellatif as well as his team for the hard work and presentation today. In that regard, Peru will continue to support the efforts of countries of the Global South in building back better.