

## **UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board - First Regular Session 2022**

Agenda item 12 - UN Office for South-South Cooperation

Statement by Brazil

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Madam President, thank you for giving me the floor.

Let me start by thanking Mr. Adel Abdelatiff, Director ad interim of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, for the formal presentation to the Executive Board of the UNOSSC Strategic Framework for the period 2022-2025 and of its accompanying Integrated Results and Resources Framework.

This is a noteworthy accomplishment that comes as a result of a long and thorough consultation process that included conversations with this board, Member States, public and private actors and other relevant stakeholders. Brazil commends UNOSSC and its team for their dedication and commitment towards enhancing South-South and triangular cooperation.

As we move forward with the implementation of the framework, which should strongly rely on the principles of South-South cooperation and be based upon internationally agreed documents, such as the BAPA+40 Outcome Document, Brazil would like to add some considerations to those delivered by the Group of 77 and China.

First, we would have liked to see a clear reference in the framework on the importance of international development focal points from developing countries, who can play a critical role in coordinating the implementation of the framework at the local level.

Second, with regards to the collection, analysis and sharing of data related to South-South and triangular cooperation, we believe a strengthened partnership with UNCTAD would be beneficial for UNOSSC, taking into account the role of UNCTAD in convening the subgroup on South-South cooperation of the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators.

Finally, we would appreciate further interactions with the Office in the upcoming months to follow-up on the establishment of the South-South and triangular cooperation solution lab.

Madam President,

Brazil has been a long advocate for South-South cooperation. We remain ready to assist UNOSSC in the implementation of the Strategic Framework.

I thank you.