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Joint Bureau statement delivered by H.E. Yoka Brandt as President of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board on behalf of the Bureau

Dear Members and Observers of the Board,
Director ad interim Mr. Adel Abdellatif,
Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Bureau members of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board, Kenya, Peru, Ukraine, Qatar and my own country, the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

We would like to congratulate the Director a.i. with UNOSSC's new Strategic Framework for 2022-2025 that is being presented at this session. The framework aims to enhance South-South and triangular cooperation through focusing on advancing policymaking and implementation; strengthening the UN capacity to provide support; and promoting knowledge exchange, capacity and technology development and transfer. This Framework builds on lessons learned from past experiences and results.

The proposed strategy is ambitious and timely. We know that South-South and triangular cooperation can contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieving the overarching goal of eradication of poverty. Strengthening efforts to implement the SDGs are needed more than ever before: the COVID-19 pandemic has set back a lot of hard-won progress in achieving the goals of Agenda 2030 and has highlighted the stark inequalities across the globe, within and among countries. We must do everything to build back better and more inclusive, and get on track to meet the goals of Agenda 2030.

A lesson learned from the pandemic is the vital importance of international collaboration as we cannot respond to these challenges on our own. This resonates with UNOSSC's mandate to facilitate triangular cooperation which should aim to facilitate, support and enhance South-South initiatives in line with the principles of South-South cooperation.

As mentioned in the Nairobi Outcome document, and affirmed in the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-Level UN conference on South-South cooperation, the shared experiences and common views on national development strategies of developing countries can be a catalyst in promoting capacity development for all. The

exchange of best practices, knowledge and facilitation of technology development and transfer can lead to more diverse opportunities for development.

We believe that this new Strategic Framework will help UNOSSC in strengthening its key role at a time when cooperation of all sorts is much needed, while recognizing the important role of the South Center in enhancing South-South Cooperation and providing the intellectual and policy support required by developing countries.

As a facilitator of South-South and triangular cooperation, we encourage UNOSSC to contribute to the UNDS reform by ensuring better harmonization and coherence on this topic across different UN agencies and with Member States, civil society and other partners and through streamlining efforts. This will strengthen international cooperation to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, reaffirming the global development commitment and calling for complementing national efforts to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

We welcome the attention given in the new Strategic Framework to the integration of women's empowerment and gender equality throughout all proposed work programmes and encourage UNOSSC to mainstream the integration and representation of women, persons with disabilities,

refugees and marginalized groups to ensure that no one is left behind.
Last but not least, we wish the UNOSSC the best of luck in the realization of the ambitions noted in its Strategic Framework for 2022-2025.

Thank you very much.