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2019/15. Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including its general guidelines,

Reaffirming also General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming further General Assembly resolution [73/248](#) of 20 December 2018 on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution [72/305](#) of 23 July 2018 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution [68/1](#) on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2019;¹

2. *Requests* that future annual reports submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council at its operational activities for development segment be comprehensive, evidence-based and analytical, covering all provisions of General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#) and [72/279](#);

¹ [A/74/73-E/2019/14](#), [A/74/73/Add.1-E/2019/14/Add.1](#), [A/74/73/Add.2-E/2019/14/Add.2](#) and [A/74/73/Add.3-E/2019/14/Add.3](#).



3. *Takes note* of the information provided by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including its funding, and looks forward to further reporting by the Secretary-General in line with paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 72/279;

4. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, and acknowledges the progress achieved thus far in advancing all reform mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions 71/243 and 72/279;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure transparency through timely and public availability of internal system-wide guidance documents and reports responding to mandates given by Member States in General Assembly resolutions 71/243 and 72/279;

6. *Welcomes* the funding compact, and encourages all Member States and entities of the United Nations development system to contribute to its full and effective implementation;

7. *Takes note* of the first comprehensive report on the Development Coordination Office,² including on the operational, administrative and financing aspects of the activities of the Office, and looks forward to receiving on an annual basis an evidence-based, comprehensive, analytical and more detailed report to the Council at its operational activities for development segment;

8. *Also takes note* of the proposals of the Secretary-General for revamping the regional approach, reiterates the request contained in General Assembly resolution 72/279 for the Secretary-General to provide options, on a region-by-region basis, for longer-term reprofiling and restructuring of the regional assets of the United Nations, as soon as possible, while taking note of annex III to Council resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 also stresses that further efforts are needed to identify and address gaps and overlaps at the regional level, and looks forward to inclusive, intergovernmental consultations for the finalization and implementation of the regional review, on a region-by-region basis;

9. *Looks forward* to further inclusive consultations with all countries concerned on the multi-country office review, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 72/279, for its conclusion and to guide its implementation, taking note of the ongoing review by the Secretary-General of the configuration, capacity, resource needs, role and development services of multi-country offices, and related discussions at the 2019 operational activities for development segment;

10. *Stresses* the need to continue improving the transparency, accountability and responsiveness of the system to Member States on the measures taken to implement General Assembly resolutions 71/243 and 72/279 as well as to continue strengthening the dialogue between Member States and all entities of the United Nations development system, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, at the operational activities for development segment;

11. *Welcomes* the discussions at the 2019 operational activities for development segment, and requests the Secretary-General to provide briefing notes and informal briefings on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 71/243 and 72/279 in preparation for the General Assembly resolution on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system to be

² E/2019/62 and E/2019/62/Corr.1.

negotiated at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, recognizing that implementation is still in its early stages and will require follow-up in 2019, ahead of the 2020 operational activities for development segment.

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