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Mr. President,

I thank you for convening this meeting. Please allow me to thank the UN Development System and UNDP for the partnership and support extended to Uganda since the 1980s during the reconstruction of the economy through to recovery and development. Uganda's development priorities have been well captured in the second national development plan (2016-2020) and the vision 2040. They include; tourism, agriculture, infrastructure and human capital development among others.

While we acknowledge that addressing development challenges is the responsibility of government, it is our expectation that UNDP will continue to align its intervention along the national priorities to make tangible contributions as we move towards realizing our aspiration of becoming an upper middle income country by 2040. We acknowledge that UNDP remains an important partner in development, particularly for developing countries like Uganda and this partnership is going to be even more crucial as we embark on the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

Mr. President,

Concerning the programme document, my delegation fully endorses the document and will remain available for future consultations during its implementation. However, I wish to request that in future, the consultative process should be more flexible so as to allow timely inputs from all stakeholders. Secondly, the spirit of national ownership of the process should be reflected not only in the document but also in the subsequent activities during implementation of the programme. There may be challenges related to coordination but these could be jointly addressed in a manner that does not jeopardize the whole process.

On this note, I should point out that the current document is not as inclusive as we would have loved it to be. However, we have had further consultations with UNDP and agreed that our comments which for purely technical reasons could not find their way into the document will in the long run be incorporated. That being the understanding, we would like to commend UNDP for all the efforts and look forward to effective implementation of the Uganda Country Programme for the period 2016-2020.

I thank you.