Introductory Statement of the Executive Director on Agenda item 4


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Madam Chair,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the first six-monthly progress report for 2009 on the implementation of the MTSIP for your consideration.

The progress report before you marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the MTSIP. As you will recall, the last four quarterly progress reports presented to you in 2008, focused on performance in implementing the “quick wins” and “must dos” of the kick-start phase, as outlined in the MTSIP Action Plan. This progress report reviews the implementation status in all the six Focus Areas for the first six months of the roll-out phase.

Madame Chair, Excellencies,
The report starts with an executive summary that gives an overview of key achievements, the challenges and the next steps for the remaining 2009 at the Agency level. Part II summarizes the status of progress per Focus Area at expected accomplishment level of MTSIP results. Part III provides detailed progress against indicators of achievements listing specific achievements, key challenges and next steps. Part IV gives a summary of MTSIP resources and utilization. Finally, our strategic priorities for the remaining 2009 period are presented in Part V.

Madam Chair,
Regarding the content of the report, I am sure you will note that the reporting is based on the MTSIP results framework attached as Annex A to the report. The completion of the results framework for the MTSIP by the Secretariat has been a major achievement in this reporting period. The framework articulates the strategic results and expected accomplishments for each focus area, with performance indicators. The results framework will now guide all work programme development, monitoring of performance and reporting. Though our work programmes for 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 are not fully aligned with MTSIP results, I am happy to report that the strategic framework and the work programme for 2012-2013 will be fully aligned.

Excellencies,
Although significant achievements have been made, we still have areas to improve, in particular in Excellence in Management. We realize that results-based management is an ongoing reform process, and some basic principles take time to become internalized and applied at all levels of the Agency. The capacity for rolling-out the results based management systems, in particular for data collection, analysis, and reporting is also still weak. In addition, mechanisms for internal alignment and collaboration need further strengthening.

Madam Chair,
We have outlined in this report the next steps to be undertaken for each Focus Area. However, at the Agency level the strategic priorities for the remaining 2009, for which the DED and myself will be in the lead are:
(i) Development of the MTSIP Roadmap 2009-2013, through the revision of the MTSIP Action Plan 2008-2013. The Secretariat expects to present the MTSIP Road Map to the CPR in its regular session in December 2009.

(ii) Review of the current institutional governance and management arrangements will be undertaken to facilitate achievement of MTSIP results.

(iii) Much attention will be given to the development of performance measurement systems, particularly data collection, analysis, and effective use of performance data for decision making and accountability.

Madam Chair, Excellencies, Let me conclude my introductory remarks by thanking you for keeping the MTSIP aspirations alive. I feel we are broadly on track in implementing the MTISP and with your support and willingness to work with us UN-Habitat will become more efficient and results oriented. Your guidance regarding the format, content, and specific points on this progress report will be highly appreciated.

I thank you for your attention.