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Regular Institutional Dialogue

The Czech Republic aligns itself with the EU statement delivered earlier.

I will be very brief. First of all, I would like to acknowledge your work, Mr Chair, in the agenda of Regular Institutional Dialog. The Czech Republic is convinced that you are moving in the right direction, and you have our full support.

I would like to express my strongest support for PoA as the permanent and inclusive platform for our future work. I will not repeat all arguments which have already been raised. I consider among others the intervention of our French colleague comprehensive and convincing, and I fully support all his arguments. I regret that there are some misunderstanding in the room. In particular, I noticed that there has been voiced the concern that PoA is in conflict with the OEWG. I certainly don't think so. It is on the contrary. I would like to assure all hesitating countries, that the main driver, why the Czech Republic supports PoA, is precisely because it complements and extends the OEWG.

We have a very strong resolution 77/37 on PoA with overwhelming support of the UN Member States. Let us therefore work on it and elaborate it. Let us work together to ensure that the new PoA does not duplicate other processes and that it is built on synergic effects. I would like to recommend all countries who have concerns in this regard, that they can submit contributions addressing these concerns to the UN Secretary General.

In the end I would like to assure that the Czech Republic is fully engaged on developing Regular Institutional Dialog right now. However, we want to do so in a longer-term context, and PoA provides us the horizon we believe we want to move towards. And it is from the perspective of this long term horizon, that we appreciate your work, Mr. Chair. Our today's discussion is particularly relevant for us.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.