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Chair, Excellencies, colleagues,

Micronesia welcomes this discussion as we look toward the UN80 process and the future of the UN development and humanitarian system.

On humanitarian diplomacy, we recognize the UN's essential role in negotiating access, securing humanitarian corridors, and advocating for the protection of civilians. We commend the Resident Coordinator in Micronesia and UN entities under the UN multi-country office for the North Pacific for their swift response following Typhoon Sinlaku last April. Their rapid action was enabled by the UN's on-the-ground presence, which allows for quick mobilization when crises strike. For small island developing States, humanitarian diplomacy must also address climate-driven emergencies, which increasingly define our islands' humanitarian landscape. The UN's support for anticipatory action and disaster-risk financing remains vital. On system-wide coherence, Micronesia supports stronger coordination while preserving each UN entity's distinct mandate and comparative advantage. Coherence should enhance effectiveness, not enforce uniformity, especially in small island contexts where duplication strains limited national capacity.

Regarding the roles of Executive Boards and Member States, we underscore that governance bodies must remain central to shaping reforms that affect mandates, operational models, and accountability. In this context, the Resident Coordinator's role is also critical. Strong coordination between the Boards and RCs is essential to ensure that country-level leadership aligns with the strategic direction set by Member States. Without clear lines of accountability, there is a risk of misalignment between Board-mandated priorities and RC-led coordination efforts, particularly in multi-country office settings where resources and attention are already stretched. Early and structured engagement between Boards and RCs can help prevent these gaps.

Finally, on evidence and transparency, any significant UN80-related proposals should be accompanied by clear analysis, costings, and risk assessments. Transparent and inclusive consultation will help ensure that reforms are equitable, data-driven, and aligned with country needs.

Micronesia remains committed to a UN system that is coherent, accountable, and fit for purpose, one that can meet the humanitarian and development challenges of the next decade, especially for those most exposed to climate impacts.

I thank you.