

National Statement by Ireland

**delivered by
Deputy Permanent Representative Mr Jim Kelly**

at the

Adoption of the General Assembly Resolution on System-wide Coherence

14 September 2009

Mr President,

Ireland aligns itself with the statement delivered by Sweden on behalf of the EU.

We would like to thank our Co-chairs, the Permanent Representative of Namibia and the Permanent Representative of Spain, and their colleagues for their tireless work this Session in leading us to this important resolution.

We warmly welcome the consensus support for the establishment of a 'Composite Gender Entity' which will consolidate the four existing entities and be headed by an Under-Secretary General. This progress in strengthening the capacity, accountability and effectiveness of the UN's work on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment has been long awaited and is urgently needed.

It is vital that this Composite Entity becomes operational as soon as possible, and we look forward to a swift transitional period, as we finalise the outstanding areas relating to how the Entity will function. In that regard, we request the Secretary-General to begin the process of appointing an Under Secretary General and provide us with the requested proposals as soon as possible so that the Member States may finalise outstanding issues in the next session.

Mr President,

Ireland also welcomes the progress made in other important areas of System-wide Coherence, including Funding and Governance. We look forward to receiving the Secretary General's proposals in these areas as soon as possible so that we can continue our work in improving the governance structures and funding modalities for the UN System. Strengthening these areas is essential if we are to realise our collective vision of an efficient, effective and well-resourced UN System, as a strong partner for developing countries.

We welcome the fact that the General Assembly has again acknowledged the progress made and challenges remaining for those countries who are voluntarily implementing the 'Delivering as One' approach. We reiterate the General Assembly's request to the Secretary General to urgently move ahead with an independent evaluation of lessons learned from these countries, in line with the well established principles of national ownership and leadership.

We believe that the adoption of the consensus resolution by the General Assembly mark's a significant step forward towards a better performing and more effective UN, particularly in the area of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment as well as in other important areas of operational activities. We look forward to continuing this work in the next Session.

Finally, Mr President, my delegation would like to thank you for your support to this process throughout the year, and congratulate you for all of your accomplishments during your tenure as President of the General Assembly.

Thank you, Mr President.