

system involved in international development and economic co-operation, and the co-ordination that he must bring about within this system. The objective is to achieve an over-all, multidisciplinary approach by promoting effective management of development activities financed by both regular and extra-budgetary resources.

I would like to add a few words in closing on the ultimate purpose of operational activities, namely helping the less favoured countries in their efforts towards socio-economic growth. This basic objective must always be borne in mind when we consider the way in which the UN development system operates. The system must be flexible in order to adapt to the changing needs of the recipient countries. It must open the way for a real transfer of knowledge and skills, give priority to the countries where the needs are greatest, and recognize and implement the advancement of human resources in the over-all development process. The existing system provides a very good basis for this. However, it must be streamlined to achieve maximum performance in these times of economic difficulty while also demonstrating the beneficial results to the many interested parties in my country and elsewhere. This is the direction in which we are working, and we trust that we are part of a common effort.

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