



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Excellency,

As the seventy-second session of the United Nations General Assembly comes to a close, I am pleased to share with you a copy of the final implementation plan for the inception of the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system, which was requested in General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

The implementation plan marks another milestone in the repositioning of the United Nations development system to meet the ambition of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This is a vital step in our journey for a system that is truly fit-for-purpose – the Resident Coordinator system rests at the heart of the ability of the United Nations to deliver development results on the ground.

I am grateful to all of you, the Member States, for actively engaging in the shaping of the plan, and look forward to remaining closely engaged as we continue to work towards the implementation of all the mandates contained in General Assembly resolution 72/279. The feedback and ideas conveyed by Member States have helped ensure a solid plan that leverages the best mechanisms to take the development system to the next level.

Allow me to also acknowledge the ownership and leadership role played by the entities of the United Nations development system and the United Nations Department of Management in the development of the implementation plan. The readiness of the system to translate the words of General Assembly resolution 72/279 into action is a testimony of our collective capacity to adapt to new challenges and transform to better respond to the demands of the 2030 Agenda.

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New York

The implementation plan provides the building blocks for a reinvigorated system that will rest on strengthened accountability and transparency for system-wide results, greater incentives for integrated action, and country results at a scale that responds to national needs and priorities. This will take time, but I am confident that, together, we can meet the expectations of Member States and the people we are called to serve on the ground.

We will spare no efforts to ensure a successful transition. I will continue to keep you fully informed of our progress and consult you on the best way ahead. Transparency, inclusiveness and national ownership will continue to guide our work.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

António Guterres