



**Statement of Mr. Joe Murphy,
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*Excellencies,
Colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am pleased to provide you with a further update on the progress of the Open-ended Contact Group on the Preparation of the Strategic Plan for 2014 – 2019. As you may recall, during the last CPR meeting held on 15 December 2011, the Contact Group was mandated to clear, on behalf of the CPR, remaining work on Parts 1 and 2 of the Strategic Plan for 2014-2019, as well as the two-year Strategic Framework for 2014-2015. Since January 2012, the Contact Group met four times and worked diligently on the two documents.

During the first meeting, which was held on 18 January, the Group discussed the revised results framework overview of the Strategic Plan for 2014-2019 and the draft of Parts 1 and 2 of the same Plan. At its second meeting held on 1 February, the Group further discussed the revised results framework overview of the Strategic Plan for 2014-2019 and again the draft of Parts 1 and 2 of the Strategic Plan, taking into account many comments and suggestions sent from the capitals. This process was in line with the Roadmap for the preparation of the six year Strategic Plan.

On 8 February 2012, the Secretariat introduced the draft biennial Strategic Framework for the biennium 2014-2015, which was derived from the draft six year Strategic Plan (Parts 1 and 2) that had been cleared by the Group, in line with Governing Council resolution 23/11. The Group reviewed the document closely and provided substantive inputs. The document was revised and circulated before the next meeting. At that meeting, held on 15 February, the Group continued its discussions of the document and provided more inputs.

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

The biennial strategic framework 2014-2015 was revised by the Secretariat, taking into account the inputs of the Group and was circulated to all members of the Contact Group. It was then sent to the UN Controller on 17 February 2012, which was the submission deadline.

Looking ahead, Part 3 of the six-year Strategic Plan still remains to be developed and considered. This last part will cover the following main issues: organizational structure for plan implementation; implementation strategy through biennial work programmes and budgets; financial resources required for the implementation of the plan; and performance measurement plan over the six year period.

I wish to thank you all for your hard work, for providing inputs to the documents and for your active participation in our deliberation.

Thank you for your attention.