



**PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
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STATEMENT

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Distinguished Administrator, Excellencies,

Let me begin by expressing appreciation to the Administrator personally and the continued efforts of the UNDP in delivering transformative results across the globe.

Bosnia and Herzegovina recognizes the indispensable role of UNDP in supporting our development aspirations. UNDP has been a reliable partner in strengthening our institutions, promoting inclusive governance, advancing environmental sustainability, and supporting disaster risk reduction resilience and their transformation.

We particularly welcome the emphasis on value for money and agility, two essential qualities. In that regard, we commend UNDP's investments in digital innovation, green transitions, and inclusive development pathways that leave no one behind.

Looking ahead, Bosnia and Herzegovina supports a forward-leaning and adaptive approach as UNDP begins preparations for the next strategic plan beyond 2025. We encourage continued alignment with national priorities, enhanced collaboration with local stakeholders, and stronger engagement with youth and civil society.

Administrator Steiner, dear Achim, allow me to take a moment - on behalf of my country Bosnia and Herzegovina—to express our sincere appreciation for your remarkable leadership. As this marks your final session as Administrator before the conclusion of your tenure, we acknowledge your unwavering dedication, vision, and tireless commitment to the values of the United Nations and to the people we all serve. Your legacy will be one of impact, integrity, and innovation, and we thank you for your service.

In closing, we are looking forward with adventure and purpose to be together with and purpose on a journey along shared vision for a better, inclusive and sustainable future.

Thank you.