ACC Statement on the Implementation of General Assembly Resolution 53/192

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- 1. ACC notes the progress made in strengthening the role of the United Nations system in providing support to national efforts of recipient countries through more effective development cooperation, greater efficiency and impact. This progress, enhanced by the implementation of the Secretary-General's reform initiatives and the reforms undertaken by other organizations of the UN system, is noted by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/192 on the triennial comprehensive policy review and the related report of the Secretary-General which was fully endorsed by that resolution.
- 2. ACC will continue to take the necessary steps to provide all recipient countries effective development support through full coordination at the global, regional and country levels. ACC will ensure that this support achieves optimal results at the country level, particularly in the eradication of poverty. The system will continue its support to national efforts in the implementation of globally agreed goals and targets, in accordance with national plans and priorities.
- 3. ACC will implement the relevant provisions of resolution 53/192 in a fully coordinated manner as outlined in the management process prepared in accordance with paragraph 60 of the resolution, and which will be considered by the substantive session of ECOSOC for 1999. ACC notes the request made by the General Assembly to relevant governing bodies of the UN system to take appropriate action for the full implementation of the resolution in a complementary and coherent fashion. The outcome of these bodies will be taken fully into account in the implementation of the resolution over the next three years.
- 4. In order to give full effect to the relevant provisions of the resolution dealing with the resident coordinator system, ACC's Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (CCPOQ), and its Working Group on the resident coordinator system will prepare relevant guidance and guidelines on the strengthening of country-level cooperation through the resident coordinator system. Appropriate supportive steps, including the simplification and harmonization of programming processes and procedures wherever necessary, will be taken by the relevant members of ACC. Particular attention will be paid to the full and effective participation of the organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of the Common Country Assessment (CCA) and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF). Cooperation among all relevant partners of the United Nations development system, including the Bretton Woods institutions will be ensured according to their respective mandate. The guidelines for the CCA and UNDAF explicitly provide for effective cooperation to this end. The ACC welcomes the progress achieved so far on strengthening the resident coordinator system and on increasing ownership of it by the system as a whole.
- 5. ACC notes with concern the continuing decline in core resources for development cooperation and looks forward to the successful conclusion of the negotiations on funding strategies foreseen in para. 16 of resolution 53/192. In this connection, it notes with pleasure the provisions of para.11 which welcomes the steps taken by the system in achieving overall improvement in the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the United Nations system in delivering development assistance.
- 6. ACC will undertake the required steps to give full effect to the relevant provisions of the resolution dealing with the coordinated follow-up to global conferences, gender in development, technical cooperation among developing countries, capacity-building, cooperation with civil society, supporting countries involved in various stages of relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development, regional dimensions of development, national execution and monitoring and evaluation.