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“ACC attaches the highest importance to the effective and coherent implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/120. This resolution, which builds on its predecessor 47/199, represents an important practical step in achieving further reforms in the operational activities for development, with special reference to the interlinked areas of effective governance of operational activities, of predictable and assured funding in keeping with the increasing needs of developing countries, and of increased efficiency and coherence of the programming, delivery and management of operational activities, particularly at the field level.

ACC will continue to take all necessary steps to ensure that the United Nations system provides recipient countries the best possible support in their development efforts. To this end, ACC and its members who are mandated to provide operational activities for development are determined to strengthen their collaboration at the country level through the resident coordinator system. This will involve the full and coherent implementation of all provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/120 and its predecessor 47/199, particularly those elements that have a direct bearing on the effectiveness of United Nations system development cooperation at the country level.

ACC will take the required steps to implement Assembly resolution 50/120 in a fully coordinated manner, as outlined in the management plan prepared in accordance with paragraph 52 of the resolution, which the Secretary-General will submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996. In proceeding with the implementation of the resolution, account will be taken of the decisions emanating from the Council and decisions emanating from other relevant governing bodies.

Through its Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions and other mechanisms, ACC will issue updated guidelines on the functioning of the resident coordinator system, reflecting fully the experience acquired so far and addressing all actions called for in paragraphs 36 to 43 of resolution 50/120. The members of ACC mandated for operational activities for development will pursue the strengthening of this system, inter alia, through clear instructions to the country representatives and through support to the coordination function at the country level. The Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of ACC, will instruct resident coordinators, with the support of the Special Coordinator for Economic and Social Development, on measures to strengthen the resident coordinator system.
ACC attaches particular importance to ensuring that all parts of the United Nations system work on the basis of a mutually agreed common understanding of the principal components of resolution 50/120. To this end, a series of updated and interlinked guidelines will be developed on the country strategy note process, the programme approach, national execution and the functioning of the resident coordinator system. Moreover, the work of its task forces will be translated into operational guidance for the resident coordinator system. In this connection, the further improvement of the country strategy note process in line with the provisions of resolution 50/120 will be given particular attention. ACC is committed to providing full and coordinated support to the country strategy note process and to ensuring cooperation with and support to this process under the leadership of the resident coordinator.

ACC will undertake action to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of operational activities and to achieve the impact assessment called for in paragraph 54 of resolution 50/120. Greater effort will be devoted to harmonizing various procedures and simplifying the requirements placed upon recipient countries, while at the same time strengthening accountability capacity.

In order to achieve the optimal use of available resources, efforts will continue to enhance the sharing of various services at the country level, and common premises, whenever feasible and cost-effective.