



**Remarks**

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His Excellency Luís Filipe Tavares, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cabo Verde,  
My colleague Ms. Ulrika Richardson, UN Resident Coordinator,  
Dear colleagues from the UN Country Team,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to have been invited to the UNDAF signing ceremony.

This event is timely, as this is the first UNDAF to have been prepared after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, and the SAMOA Pathway.

I am pleased that, with this new generation of UNDAF, the UN country team will be able to deliver a more integrated, coherent, harmonized, targeted and effective response to Cabo Verde's needs.

Dear colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

An integrated response is required to respond to the imperatives of the 2030 Agenda and to effectively attend to the complex and interconnected nature of the SDGs.

A coherent and harmonized response is also needed to “Deliver as One”, to build synergies and to tap into the complementary resources, expertise and networks of various UN entities with field presence.

Further, a targeted and effective response is required to address the needs and priorities identified by the government of Cabo Verde in its national development plan and sectoral strategies.

Dear colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me conclude by saying how I am deeply grateful for the contributions made throughout these months, all of which have resulted in such a thorough strategic outcome.

After achieving this critical step, the hard work is only now beginning. We are all challenged, colleagues, in the responsibilities we carry as we leave this meeting, to make our actions reflect the words which have testified to our commitment here.

Let work together to deliver for the wellbeing of the people of Cabo Verde.

I thank you for your kind assistance.