

ESCWA Intervention at the PrepCom 5th LDCs Conference

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Thank you, Mr. Chair for giving me the floor,

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for inviting ESCWA to be part of the preparatory committee meeting ahead of the Fifth international conference on LDCs.

As part of the preparatory process for the 5th LDCs conference, ESCWA has launched a sub-regional process, which includes the preparation of a publication that will focus on the assessment of the IPoA implementation in the 4 Arab LDCs members of ESCWA (Sudan, Mauritania, Somalia, and Yemen). This process includes bilateral meetings with these 4 Arab LDCs as well as a wider sub-regional meeting including regional and international donors, institutions and stakeholders.

The sub-regional meeting, scheduled on 18th February 2021, will serve a number of objectives: (1) the understanding of Arab flows of ODA as well as the lesson learnt in the support provided for the Arab LDCs during the last decade. (2) to engage in a mutual exchange of experiences and best practices in implementing the eight priority areas of the IPoA, in facing structural and emerging challenges, in ensuring early recovery and resilience, (3) to identify wherein positive progress in implementing the IPoA / Agenda 2030, and how progress can be reinforced or relapse to be mitigated and addressed, identify structural gaps to buttress resilience, and to recommend supportive actionable policies; and (4) to facilitate networking and closer and

recovery and the humanitarian-development nexus to help Yemen set on the path of sustainable development in the medium and long-term. The discussions also focused with the government of Yemen on the achievement in implementing the IPoA, and the developmental challenges during the last decade, and to agree on a set of priorities as defined by Yemen to focus on in the coming decade.

Main recommendations of the meeting:

- ◁ Necessity to end the conflict for the humanitarian-development nexus to be