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Wish to stress the importance of the work of subprogramme 2 and its relevance as the focal point in the United Nations' system for all matters related to investment for development.

Express appreciation to the independent evaluation team for the evaluation report, to the secretariat for the management response and the support provided to the evaluation process and to the Government of Norway for its financial support of the evaluation.

Thank especially our colleagues Jüri Seilenthal and Preeti Rahman for supporting the evaluation-team.

Acknowledge the solid method and the evaluation standards that had been used for this evaluation. Report is well constructed, short, concise and its executive summary is easy to read and very exhaustive, even for the ones who don't have time to read the whole report.

Acknowledge with appreciation the finding of strong relevance, significant impact, broad sustainability, and effective and efficient delivery of work by the Secretariat in all three pillars of UNCTAD, and note with interest the best management practices established in SP2. These should be widely disseminated and adopted throughout in the Secretariat.

Concerning the individual findings:

- Welcome the finding of significant impact, and express support to the Division's reporting thereon.
- Acknowledge that the Division's current annual *Results and Impacts Report* goes way beyond the mandatory United Nations reporting requirements.
- Appreciate the effectiveness and efficiency of SP2's work programme delivery.
- Acknowledge with appreciation the broad sustainability of SP2's interventions in all three pillars.
- Welcome the current work on gender and green economy issues and the call to further strengthen SP2's role in development priority sectors.

Concerning specific recommendations:

- Support the continued leading role for SP2 in the ongoing debate on the strategic importance of FDI and private sector investment in achieving development goals under the post-2015 sustainable development goals. A leading role that was lately proved in the World Investment Report. The extra chapter about financing the SDG's is an excellent basis for future debates.

- Appreciate the systemic review and updating/upgrading of SP2 core products.
- Express confidence in SP2's use of measurable results chains as shown in its *Results and Impacts Reports*, and its capacity to comprehensively implement the RBM or SMART approach.
- Encourage the continuous updating and revamping of SP2's websites.
- Encourage the expanded use of distance learning and e-learning, noting however the limited availability of internet and computer resources in many developing regions as well as the objective educational limitations of pure e-learning.
- Appreciate the idea of an increased foothold in Government–development partner dialogues at the country level, mindful of the limitations of UNCTAD as a non-field organization.
- Express interest in the idea of introducing an “aftercare” service to provide light support to beneficiary countries after projects conclude, mindful of the possible resource implications.
- Interested in elaborating how best to encourage member States to look to increase SP2's access to extra-budgetary resources, including through Aid for Trade funding mechanisms.
- Encourage SP2 to use current sustainable development goals-related work to revisit how best to strengthen gender equity issues in SP2 work.