I would like to begin by expressing our appreciation to the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC), for introducing the Committee’s report. We commend him for his stewardship of the Committee during the 49th session.

We also thank the other representatives of the Secretariat for introducing their respective reports.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Sudan on behalf of the Group of 77.
My delegation reaffirms the importance of the CPC as the main subsidiary body of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination.

The CPC’s significance is further highlighted by its critical role in ensuring that the United Nations’ programmes adhere to the letter and spirit of the legislative mandates given by the Member States to the implementing entities.

It also identifies programmatic changes arising out of decisions by intergovernmental bodies and relevant conferences.

Moreover, the CPC is a unique intergovernmental body within the UN system, which facilitates coordination amongst the multitude of its institutions and mandates.

Given the critical role of the CPC in this Organization, we believe it should be provided with all resources necessary for it to fulfill its mandated tasks. We also commend the CPC’s sincere efforts in improving its working methods within the framework of its mandate, as directed by relevant UN General Assembly resolutions.

My delegation endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the CPC of its 49th session. We urge the Secretariat to take full cognizance of the Committee’s recommendations while implementing its mandated tasks, once the report has been adopted by the General Assembly.

In particular, we support the CPC’s recommendation on approval of the changes in the biennial programme plan reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 as contained in the relevant consolidated reports of the Secretary-General.

The importance of evaluations within the Organization cannot be overemphasized.

While processes and procedures for evaluation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services [OIOS] and self-evaluation by programme managers should continue to be reviewed and improved, the Secretary-General should ensure that evaluations are used to contribute to and improve future policy decisions by programme managers.

We look forward to the programme evaluation of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in 2011, and thematic evaluation of Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Department of Field Support cooperation with regional organizations, as was decided by the CPC in its 49th session.
The CPC has recommended the urgent need to fill the position of Special Adviser on Africa. This is critical and we echo the stress that the Committee lays on it.

In this context, we recall GA resolution 63/260 by which the General Assembly had decided not to abolish the post of Special Adviser on Africa.

In one of its earlier report, the CPC had called the UN system a “crucial pillar” in canvassing, mobilizing and dispensing international support for special needs countries.

Any structural alignment which threatens to weaken the UN’s focus on special needs of these countries should be carefully examined.

On the in-depth evaluation of the Department of Political Affairs [DPA], we concur with the CPC that the OIOS should refrain from value judgments on issues that are still under the consideration by the General Assembly.

The OIOS should also take into account the decision of the General Assembly on strengthening the DPA when evaluating the future implementation of the OIOS recommendations endorsed by the CPC at its 46th session.

We take note of the report of the OIOS on the thematic evaluation of lessons learned: protocol and practices. We hope that it would further help staff to improve the work environment, including knowledge sharing, foster teamwork, strengthen outputs and promote efficiency.

Finally, my delegation recognizes the importance of the United Nations’ coordinating bodies, such as the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).

We have taken note of the thematic evaluation of the United Nations coordinating bodies and join our voice in calling for further enhancement in their work in order to improve the effectiveness of programme delivery and organizational performance of their member organizations.

To achieve that goal, the coordinating bodies will have to hold meetings on regular and predictable basis, achieve better follow up to their decisions and develop mechanism to regularly and systematically measure their own performance.

India as a privileged member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination would continue to closely follow all these important issues in the future sessions.

Thank you !

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