

**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY TREASURY, MR.
RAMADHANI M. KHIJJAH AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPEMENT ASSISTANCE PLAN (UNDAP
2011-2015 ON 24th JUNE, 2011 IN DAR ES SALAAM**

Mr. Alberic Kacou, UN Resident Coordinator Co-chair of the JSC,

Colleagues Permanent Secretaries,

Distinguished Head of UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes,

Representatives of Development Partners,

Invited Guest from different Sectors,

Members of the Press,

Ladies and Gentlemen

Mr. Coordinator, it is a great pleasure for us to gather here today to mark a very important and historic event of our development cooperation. This event has stemmed from a long term cooperation existing between the United Republic of Tanzania and the United Nations. On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania I would like to extend our greatest appreciation for the support the UN has been according us in the previous country development programme cycles as stipulated in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for the period 2002-2006 and its successor, the UNDAF 2007-2010. The support under these programmes contributed much to the achievements we have realized in the implementation of our development agenda.

Mr. Coordinator, when we started the pilot process in 2007, it was not very clear whether the pilot could be a success or not. However, when the work started it was encouraging, to see things changing gradually and then faster enough until we realized the results, all of us are witnessing today. The path we took during the *"Delivering as One"* pilot process had a myriad of challenges, which by working together, we were able to deal with. I would like to thank the UN Country Team for the flexibility, readiness and hard working

that made the pilot process a historic success. I would also like to congratulate all the government MDAs that worked with the UN Country Team, members of GoT/UN Joint Steering Committee, its Taskforce and the Secretariat for crafting the United Nation Development Assistance Plan (UNDAP) to its completion. Being such a tireless working team, we are all pleased to have achieved these results.

Mr. Coordinator, Ladies and Gentlemen, the UNDAP, being the business plan of 20 UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes in Tanzania for the period July of 2011 to June 2015, provides a different approach to the way the UN supports the government's efforts for managing the economy with a view to changing to better, the lives of Tanzanians. It reduces duplication in planning requirements for UN agencies and partners, ensures consistency and provides a more collective and coherent strategic response by the UN system to the national priorities, as articulated in MKUKUTA II and MKUZA II, covering the period 2011-2015.

Further, the UNDAP sums up the entire range of activities supported by the UN System in Tanzania. It reflects inputs from representatives of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, as well as Resident and Non-Resident Agencies, Civil Society and Development Partners. Aligned to the national planning cycle, July to June, the UNDAP requires agencies to operate within a framework of national leadership, ownership and accountability through the systematic use of national systems including the Government Exchequer, wherever appropriate. Collectively, the UN will provide under UNDAP which we have just signed a total amount of US Dollar 777 million to support MKUKUTA II and MKUZA II over the four year-period.

Mr. Coordinator, it is the special feature of the UNDAP that has simplified the proliferation of programmes we used to have and reduce its number to only ten more specific, measurable, attainable, and realistic objectives-bearing and synergetic programmes, that are in line with the national priorities namely: Economic Growth; Environment and Climate Change; Education; Health; HIV/AIDS; Social Protection; WASH; Governance; Refugees, Emergencies and Disaster Response. All the UN Funds, Programmes and Agencies are collectively contributing to achieve the results of these

programmes, making them commonly agreed objectives, and this is the difference embedded in the UNDAP approach.

Mr. Coordinator, Ladies and Gentlemen, in conclusion, let me take this opportunity to once again thank all those who spent time to make this very important event happen as envisaged. As I said earlier, I wish to reiterate that the cooperation spirit showed during the development of the UNDAP is worth maintaining for its implementation to make the difference it embeds. I would like to assure you that the Government is committed to work with the UN Country Team to realize the results of the UNDAP consistent with MKUZA II and MKUKUTA II.

I thank you for your attention

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