

## **2006/9. The evaluation function in UNICEF**

*The Executive Board:*

1. *Welcomes* the report on the evaluation function (E/ICEF/2006/15) requested in its decision 2004/9;
2. *Notes* the definition of the Norms and Standards for evaluation by the United Nations system in 2005 through the United Nations Evaluation Group and the role of UNICEF in their development as well as its contribution to strengthening evaluation as a United Nations system function;
3. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 59/250 of 22 December 2004 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, which stresses that national Governments have the primary responsibility for coordinating external assistance and evaluating its contribution to national priorities;
4. *Calls on* UNICEF to conduct evaluations of operations at the country level in close association with national Governments and to assist Governments in the development of national evaluation capacities;
5. *Requests* that UNICEF prepare a comprehensive evaluation policy for consideration by the Executive Board at its annual session in 2007;
6. *Requests* that UNICEF focus more on evaluating the results of the medium-term strategic plan and country programmes and also evaluate the results of its humanitarian response;
7. *Requests* that, as of the annual meeting of 2008, UNICEF submit a biennial report on the implementation of the evaluation policy, including evaluation expenditures and funding sources, at various levels of the organization.