

2005/8. Annual report of the Executive Director

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director: results achieved for children in 2004 in support of the medium-term strategic plan (MTSP) for 2002-2005, contained in document E/ICEF/2005/6;
2. *Recalls* its decision 2004/9 on the UNICEF evaluation function, which requests that key findings from evaluations of the thematic areas of the MTSP be presented and discussed at the Executive Board as and when these become available, and furthermore requests that they be fully integrated into the annual report of the Executive Director;
3. *Recognizes* the importance of results-based management to the fulfilment of the UNICEF mandate and to establishing and monitoring the UNICEF contribution to the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, and follow-up to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director to strengthen the analytical content of her annual reports to the Executive Board to include both qualitative and quantitative measures of progress against the MTSP targets, with a discussion of progress made, challenges and constraints encountered, lessons learned and issues arising for consideration and guidance, while bearing in mind official limits on the overall length of the report.

*Annual session
10 June 2005*