

## 2008/14. Midterm review of the medium-term strategic plan 2006–2009

### *The Executive Board*

1. *Welcomes* the report on the midterm review of the medium-term strategic plan (MTSP) 2006–2009 (E/ICEF/2008/18), its companion document on the revised annexes to the MTSP (E/ICEF/2008/19) and the background note on the extension of the MTSP 2006–2009 until the end of 2011 (E/ICEF/2008/25), and commends the extensive consultations, performance analysis and evaluation work on which the review was based;
2. *Endorses* the general conclusions of the review, including the adjustments envisaged for the remaining period of the current MTSP and the implications identified for the preparation of the next plan;
3. *Recognizes* the benefits of extending the period of the current MTSP in order to:
  - (a) align it with the strategic planning cycles of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund; and enable the implementation of paragraph 97 of GA resolution 62/208;
  - (b) enable the secretariat to continue to instil a sense of urgency with regard to cooperation and partnerships for the Millennium Development Goals, the Millennium Declaration and other internationally agreed goals, rather than having to move immediately after the 2008 midterm review of the current MTSP to a further major planning exercise for a new medium-term strategic plan; and
  - (c) ensure that the subsequent UNICEF strategic planning cycle, covering the period from 2012 to 2015, will be aligned with the target date for the Millennium Development Goals;
4. *Welcomes* UNICEF's commitment to continuously improve the MTSP specific integrated monitoring framework and *calls on* UNICEF to develop indicators that are measurable, achievable, results-oriented and time-bound for both focus areas and cross-cutting strategies and that are underpinned by verifiable data, to be added to the monitoring framework;
5. *Decides* to extend the period of the current MTSP by two years, until the end of 2011;
6. *Requests* UNICEF to ensure that any implication at the field level of the extension of the MTSP and of its adjustments are implemented in a coordinated manner with the relevant authorities of each country, and are consistent with the current country programme documents and the current United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks adopted in the respective countries;
7. *Requests* the Executive Director to include in the annual report at the annual session in 2010 an account of performance and results of the MTSP to date and *looks forward* to a discussion on the end-of-cycle review of the extended MTSP at the first regular session of 2011.