Statement by Ambassador Dai Bing
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on the Statement of the Executive Director
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Madam President,

I thank you for your leadership of the Board and thank the Bureau for their collective efforts in organizing this Session amid the COVID-19 pandemic. I also thank ED Fore for her comprehensive statement and her leadership of UNICEF in this extraordinary time.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. Over the years, the UN has made important contributions to safeguarding world peace and promoting sustainable development. Despite the remarkable progress achieved, global imbalances in development remain acute. Challenges such as poverty, hunger, armed conflicts, natural disasters and climate change are still daunting. The pandemic has impacted the whole world. The needs for children to eradicate poverty and achieve health, nutrition, education, protection, water and sanitation have been further expanded.

In the face of global challenges, the only choice for the international community is to stand together to safeguard multilateralism, strengthen the role of multilateral institutions and pursue shared development. UNICEF shoulders the noble mission
of serving children and enjoys general support worldwide. It is hoped that all parties will strengthen financial support to UNICEF, especially core resources, reverse its downward trend, and support UNICEF’s effort to better deliver its mandates. We also hope the Board will strengthen unity and cooperation, focus on achieving child-related SDGs, guide UNICEF in support of program countries to fight the pandemic and provide much-needed development and humanitarian assistance to children.

China commends UNICEF's efforts in 2019 to implement the funding compact commitments and achieve a steady income growth. We hope UNICEF will continue to consolidate its partnership with the private sector and fully leverage its role to provide strong support to children.

Madam President,

China values its long-standing cooperation with UNICEF and is ready to strengthen cooperation on the country program to jointly address new difficulties and challenges confronting Chinese children. China will also actively support UNICEF’s COVID-19 Global Response Plan. The two sides are discussing a plan to improve child nutrition and health in some African countries with the support of China's South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund. China is ready to do what it can to contribute to alleviating the impact of the pandemic on children.

Thank you, Madam President.