Thank you Madam President,

Mexico would like to thank Mme. Fore for presenting a comprehensive update and to extend our warmest appreciation to the UNICEF staff members around the world for their commitment to children, despite the enormous challenges they face.

Madame Executive Director:

The COVID-19 pandemic represents a global challenge in the areas of health, economy, welfare, social cohesion and human rights. The isolation measures and their impact on the economy have differentiated effects on women and girls, and the Government of Mexico has implemented measures and actions to guarantee gender equality and human rights, to address this gender-sensitive contingency.

Mexico has a strong and constructive cooperation with UNICEF. The Spotlight Initiative for the implementation of the “COVID-19 Response Plan” has activities that are mainly focused on strengthening local
capacities in the provision of remote psychosocial care in the area of violence against women and girls and family violence.

As the Executive Director mentioned, we highlight the importance of remote learning systems and assuring education to everyone. Mexico has promoted distance education through television, thanks to the collaboration with the private sector.

Mexico recognizes UNICEF efforts to collaborate closely with UN-sister agencies, government and non-government partners in ensuring the protection and wellbeing of every child both in humanitarian actions and development. We also appreciate UNICEF’s strong commitment to the United Nations Development System reforms.

Underlining Mexico’s commitment to the Rights of the Child, we will present this year a GA resolution on Protecting Children from Bullying. In this occasion it will focus on the emotional problems during the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope this resolution will contribute to address this complex issue.

To conclude, we would like to assure UNICEF of our continued support to ensure the rights of every girl and boy.

Thank you.