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(on the agenda item 2)

Madam President,  
Madam Executive Director,  
Distinguished Members and Observers of the Executive Board,

At the outset, I’d like to thank Ms. Henrieta H.Fore, the UNICEF Executive Director, for her comprehensive statement. I join the ED in thanking you, Madam President, for your dedication and hard work while presiding over UNICEF Executive board during this unprecedented year.

As the world faces the biggest global health crisis since the Spanish flu, UNICEF is shifting its focus to adapt to the new normal. I commend UNICEF’s efforts in facing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 and other emergencies all over the world, like the recent explosions in Beirut. I’d like to take this opportunity to express my sincere condolences for the families of those who lost their lives to the COVID-19 as well as during this horrible explosion.

The world has begun transitioning to digital learning even before the pandemic struck. My delegation highly values UNICEF and its staff members’ efforts in providing learning opportunities in every corner of the world adapting to the needs of all children in order not to leave anyone behind.

According to a recent study on Household Response Phone Survey by the World Bank, in Mongolia 3 in 4 households with school-enrolled children were engaged in distance learning activities. The overall
satisfaction on these learning activities is high but most children need assistance from other household members at home.

Madame President,

UNICEF’s contribution to education coincide with its effort to improve the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene, providing safe spaces, nutrition, mental health and services for social emotional learning. We acknowledge that regular resources are of great importance in delivering UNICEF’s mandate to deliver on the above-mentioned objectives.

Partnership initiatives such as Generation Unlimited and GIGA are crucial in order to increase investment in child protection and youth empowerment.

From my country’s perspective we can see how UNICEF’s representatives are actively working under the leadership of Resident Co-ordinators within their UN Country Teams to continue bringing the UNDS reform to life.

Thanks to a well-coordinated UN country team and with funding from the Multi-Partner Trust Fund, Mongolia’s efforts to maintain essential services and the overall COVID response and recovery offer optimistic results.

As of late August 12, 461 Mongolians were stranded across 52 countries. With help and assistance of UNHCR and UNICEF, we are repatriating those citizens, including Mongolian child monks from India.

Madame Executive Director,

During our Executive Board’s previous session you highlighted and today you gave updates on four equalizers that help ensure equal opportunity for children and young people: vaccines, education, water and mental health. Those are indeed significant factors that help protect children’s rights all over the world. My delegation is pleased to see that the vaccine initiatives are developing at a fast rate. I hope that through joint efforts of UN agencies, partner countries and private
sector that participate in the COVAX initiative, vaccines will be delivered fairly and equally around the globe.

We look forward to continuing the fruitful cooperation with UNICEF and express our strong commitment to protecting the rights of children and young people especially in the times of global health emergency.

I thank you.