Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on any of the draft country programme documents being presented to the Executive Board during the second regular session.

Delegation name: **France**

Draft country programme document: **Uganda**

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1, country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline will be made public on the Executive Board website, and considered by the respective regional office, in close consultation with the country office and the concerned Government.

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On the aspect of comprehensive sexuality education, UNICEF welcomes the suggestion of France and has included a stronger reference to sexuality education as part of life skills in line with the National Sexuality Education Framework (in paragraph 30 (e) and 31, as well as the results framework). UNICEF would like to highlight that the context in which the 2016 – 2020 CPD was drafted in 2015, has evolved. The Parliament, elected in 2016, called for a ban on comprehensive sexuality education until a National Sexuality Education Framework (NSEF) was prepared. The Ministry of Education and Sports, with support of the UN, launched the National Sexuality Education Framework in 2018. In this Framework, the government have indicated they will not implement comprehensive sexuality education. The NSEF can be found in Annex 1 and the report of the launch of the NSEF can be found in Annex 2. Although the Parliament has lifted the ban on the teaching of sexuality education, the implementation of the approved framework has been halted. In this context, UNICEF will continue to work in the area of life skills and sexuality education, in line with existing national frameworks, the National Development Plan and Sector Strategic Plans.

Regarding sexual and reproductive health, UNICEF continues to work in the area of sexual and reproductive health (as spelled out in paragraph 28 of the document)
in line with existing national frameworks and the National Development Plan and Sector Strategic Plans.