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Madam President,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the UNICEF Executive Board on item 4 (a). I would like to take the opportunity and touch upon the country programme document for Romania.

First of all, we would like to thank UNICEF and particularly the team of UNICEF Romania for their constant support in all activities undertaken by my Government to enable all children to fully reach their potential. Since the beginning of its activity in Romania, UNICEF has been a valuable partner in our strong commitment and endeavors to promote and protect the rights of the child.

Financial, material and technical assistance, alongside training and consultancy provided by UNICEF to both central and local Romanian authorities have decisively contributed to the reform of children's rights protection, especially of those from vulnerable groups.

Secondly, the agreement for the continuation of the UNICEF programmes in Romania demonstrate the Government's will to further support the projects developed by UNICEF. It is our strong belief that this renewed partnership promoted by the new country programme benefits the children in Romania and beyond, also taking into account current regional developments and challenges.

We are happy to work with UNICEF to tackle the effects on children of the COVID-19 pandemic but also of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war against Ukraine on the Ukrainian refugee children that settled in Romania.

The excellent cooperation between the Romanian authorities and UNICEF, as well as the common understanding of the same principles, are at the basis of the new measures and objectives promoted by Romania in the field of rights of the child. Nonetheless, the measures contained in the new country programme will ensure the continuity of the Government's action in various sectors related to child rights.

Allow me a final word, Madam President, on the incoming Transforming Education Summit. This is a landmark political event and we should strive to make the best of it, particularly through follow-up actions. We are happy to see that *Romania Educated Project* that prompted my country to take on the role of co-leading the *Action track on teachers* is also presented as a good-practice example in the Country Programme document for Romania. For the events of the Summit during 16, 17 and 19 September both my President and the Minister of Education will be in New York as a token of our strong support.

Thank you!