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Delegation name: United Kingdom

Draft country programme document: Iran

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<td>General comments</td>
<td>We welcome the efforts of UNICEF to develop this CPD for Iran in an evolving and difficult operating context. Recent developments in the country heighten the importance of the UN clearly setting out how it will continue to uphold the UN Charter, especially promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction. We continue to</td>
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expect that all UN Agencies ensure their work contributes to
upholding the Charter, regardless of the country context.

In considering this CPD, we note the efforts of the Government of
Iran to deflect scrutiny of its repressive practices. As a result, the
balance of analysis in this document is of concern. While derived
from the UN Sustainable Cooperation Framework, it
disproportionally emphasises external factors as drivers of
challenges instead of recognising or acknowledging any domestic
shortcomings. It also lacks any focus on addressing the problems
arising from specific policies of the Iranian Government including,
narrow economic development, regression on gender equality
issues, increased attacks on religious and ethnic minorities,
surging use of the death penalty, and crack downs on civic space.
The UK urges the Agencies to more clearly articulate their
contribution to gender equality and the respect and promotion of
human rights, including sexual and reproductive rights.

Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme
document

(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such
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