



Switzerland National Statement

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Madame Chair,
Madame Executive Director

We thank the Executive Director for her sobering report and commend UNICEF for the good results in the first year of implementation of the Strategic Plan.

The effects of conflict on the livelihoods and opportunities of children and in particular girls, are devastating and we thank UNICEF staff around the globe for their tremendous work and unwavering commitment.

In a context of multiple and complex challenges, integrated and joint solutions are more important than ever to realize the SDGs. UNICEF plays a key role in ensuring that the needs of children and the most vulnerable are at the forefront of integrated solutions delivered jointly by the UNDS.

We therefore welcome UNICEF's commitment to the UNDS Reform and support to the RC System at all levels and encourage UNICEF to continue to play a leadership role in the repositioning of the UNDS and further strive for full compliance with the Management and Accountability Framework of the UN development and resident coordinator system.

We also commend UNICEF on the progress made in implementing the QCPR 2020. At the same time we would like to underscore the critical role that UNICEF country representations play in influencing donors' funding patterns. More quality funding will only happen if country offices ask for it and we encourage UNICEF to increase participation in joint

programmes, thematic or inter-agency pooled funds at country levels.

We commend UNICEF on progress made in joint analysis, programming and monitoring, but would like to recall the Executive Board's decision that requested UNICEF to include results from joint engagement, as reported through common and complementary indicators, in the Executive Director's annual narrative report.

We encourage UNICEF to strengthen qualitative reporting on complementary indicators and encourage agencies to harmonize reporting to ensure comparability of result in areas of shared responsibilities. We look forward to the Mid Term Review of the Strategic Plan to assess progress made in the delivery of collective results.

And finally, we commend UNICEF's engagement for strong oversight and accountability systems. We are convinced that the provision of more regular briefings and proactive information on risks and control issues, informed inter alia by the findings of the ongoing JIU Review, will further strengthen UNICEF's oversight systems and enable this Executive Board to provide well informed guidance.