

Statement of Algeria

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Madam President

First, I would like to express our gratitude for the tremendous work and results achieved by UNICEF in addressing the challenges of vulnerable children worldwide. It is indeed commendable that UNICEF continues to make strides to deliver results for children under very challenging circumstances.

The report highlights the alarming statistics of people requiring humanitarian assistance and we express our grave concern regarding the multidimensional challenges caused by the cumulative number of people affected by humanitarian emergencies that are increasing in number, scale, and severity.

The cost of today's inaction or delay will be heavy to bear tomorrow. The No Time to Waste acceleration plan which UNICEF launched last year has the merit to be maintained and to be an integral part of its action plan.

Against this backdrop, Algeria wishes to underline the following:

1. The experience and expertise of UNICEF and in coordination with other UN agencies allow it to play a pivotal role to tackle the root causes of humanitarian crises, including poverty and underdevelopment;
2. The need to ensure a smooth transition from relief to rehabilitation and development, to better align humanitarian and development assistance with national development priorities and strategies;
3. The importance to consider humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding dimensions when developing new programs of cooperation;
4. The need to keep improving donors' trust in UNICEF as a good steward of their funds.

To conclude, allow me to reiterate Algeria's full support of the commendable work undertaken by UNICEF.

I thank you