

The Sultanate of Oman

Meeting Date: Tuesday June 11th

Title : Update on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

Agenda Item : 7 of the Provisional Agenda

On behalf of The Sultanate of Oman, I would like to praise the excellent work carried out by UNICEF, on the work of advancing its efforts to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse. The great strategic vision of UNICEF on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse provides a strong framework for accelerating the protection component in country programming and operations to achieve results at scale. This is the core of UNICEF agenda, which includes: Creation and nurturing an organizational culture based on Accountability, advanced and sophisticated mechanisms of reporting, engaging partners, and other agencies in the fight against sexual exploitation and abuse, provision of survivor-centered assistance and support that is timely, predictable, sustainable and adequately resourced.

Since UNICEF currently holds the chairpersonship of the newly established United Nations Executive Group to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Harassment in the UN System (2024–2025), we encourage UNICEF on more strategic work on protection mechanisms for disabilities disaggregated data, investing artificial intelligence in creating awareness for communities on sexual exploitation and abuse, and finally, developing monitoring and evaluation frame work for robust planning and programme design toward achieving better and sustained results.

Thank You,

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