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Statement of Algeria

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Mr. President,

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you dear colleague Ernest, Permanent Representative of Rwanda, and the Bureau members, for your tireless efforts in coordinating our work.

I would also like to thank Madam Russel, Executive Director of UNICEF, for her insightful presentation.

My delegation commends the achievements of UNICEF in promoting and protecting the rights of children, and we truly value UNICEF's ability to promptly respond to the needs of children, despite huge challenges and limited resources.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge the sustained work of UNICEF in Algeria and recall the recognition, in 2023, by UNICEF of its Algeria's Office, as one of UNICEF's top five team winners, for its "impressive support" to Sahrawi refugee children and their families.

Mr. President,

The protection and promotion of children's rights are major priorities for my country. Algeria continually seeks to achieve the well-being of children and the ongoing Country Program covering the period 2023-2027, reinforces Algeria's commitments in this regard.

In 2023, UNICEF's regional Director, Adele El Khodr, carried out a working visit to Algeria. It was an opportunity to engage in productive discussions with officials and observe the dedication of stakeholders to upholding children's rights.

Since then, on the regional level, Algeria hosted, in May 2024, for the first time, under the chairmanship of Regional Director, an internal meeting of the UNICEF's Team Building for Regional Management (RMT), regrouping representatives from the MENA region.

Algeria, also, welcomes that, in 2024, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF expanded their partnership and that UNICEF joined forces with the African Union to prioritize education in Africa, in connection with the declaration by the African Union of the year 2024 "the Year of Education,".

Mr. President,

As we move forward, let's remember our shared responsibility to address children needs.

Member States, the UN, and all partners must join forces to tackle the ongoing challenges and harnessing the efforts for a better future for children.

I thank you.