

Statement of Algeria

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Mr. President,

At the outset, my delegation would like to commend UNICEF for its tireless efforts to meet the needs of millions of children in vulnerable situations around the world.

We are deeply concerned by the alarming numbers of children exposed to humanitarian crises as well as the lack of resources to meet their needs.

The significant gap between the resources requested by UNICEF for 2023 and the funding received for the same year, is also of concern in this regard, taking into consideration that UNICEF's report on humanitarian action is indicative and not exhaustive.

Mr. President

In many parts of the world, children are deprived of their fundamental rights. In 2023, and even today, many of the hundreds of millions of children who live in, or flee from conflict zones, endure unimaginable suffering – their rights are violated or denied altogether. .

In this context, I would like to emphasize that we are also concerned about the situation in Gaza, where millions of people are displaced, and as of May 7th, 2024, UNICEF reported that more than 14000 children have been killed, 12000 more wounded, with thousands missing and many more suffering from malnutrition and dehydration.

Moreover, the number of children killed in Gaza has increased by 55% since January 4th, 2024, and the prevalence of acute malnutrition increased from 13% in January to 25% in March 2024.

We would also like to highlight that children in Gaza no longer have access to education and health care.

Mr. President,

UNICEF's interventions are designed to address the most pressing needs of children in vulnerable situations and aim to ensure that they have a fighting chance to survive and thrive.

Despite immense challenges and limited resources, UNICEF remains a beacon of hope for millions of children worldwide.

Through its steadfast dedication and strategic partnerships, UNICEF continues to make a tangible difference in the lives of countless children facing unspeakable suffering.

UNICEF's tireless efforts to uphold children's rights during humanitarian crises serve as a powerful testament to the organization's unwavering commitment to a brighter future for all children.

To conclude, **Mr. President**, allow me to reiterate once again Algeria's full support for the work undertaken by UNICEF, including on humanitarian action.

I thank you.