

**UNICEF Executive Board 11-14 June 2024 – Item 4 Annual Report on Humanitarian Action**

The United Kingdom is grateful to UNICEF for the annual report on humanitarian action, and appreciates your clear explanation regarding challenges, actions and outcomes, as backed up by evidence and data. We align with the WEOG joint statement on this item.

We would like to add some specific points.

First, we continue to support the progress in implementing the recommendations of the second evaluation of the role of UNICEF as a Cluster Lead Agency and would welcome a written update on this. We would also be grateful for more information on how UNICEF – as a co-Chair and a recipient of funding – ensures that these two functions are kept separate and implementing partners are held accountable for delivery.

Second, we are finding there is a challenge with getting reliable results on achievements from funding for education in crises. The cluster collects data on reach in humanitarian programming, but does not capture other funding that is supporting education in protracted crises from the development side. We would welcome UNICEF's views on how to strengthen reporting on emergency education results at both country and global level.

Third, we note significant achievements in the areas of Localisation, Disability Inclusion – particularly UNICEF's leading role in the Disability Advisory Group – and Accountability to Affected Populations. We look forward to hearing further updates from the roll out of the digital engagement strategy for accountability to affected populations, and would like to hear how UNICEF ensures inclusion of those who do not have access to a phone or the internet.

Lastly, we welcome UNICEF's commitment to emergency preparedness and Anticipatory Action and are pleased that UNICEF has developed and is implementing frameworks in 13 countries. We encourage UNICEF to further coordinate on Anticipatory Action and preparedness plans with other agencies including OCHA, to promote shared humanitarian and development coordination, and resourcing involving local and national actors to tackle predictable shocks.

Thank you.