

UNICEF Executive Board – Annual Session 2024

Item 9 – Update on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations
development system

National Statement by Germany

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Germany aligns itself with the joint statement that was delivered by the distinguished delegate from the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In addition Germany would like to emphasize the following in national capacity:

With a mere 15 per cent of SDGs on track to be achieved and only six years left to 2030, we **all** must shift gears - urgently. Germany views an **effective, efficient and well-coordinated United Nations Development System** as absolutely indispensable if we are to deliver on our collective promise of a better future for people and planet.

We have consistently put these convictions into action as **second largest supporter of the UNDS System**. Germany strongly values the indispensable role of **Resident Coordinators**, their enormous coordination efforts, as well as their increasing support to the normative function, the importance of which we as member states only come to appreciate when there is a lack of it.

As the **largest contributor to UNDS pooled funds** - having provided over USD 1,75 Billion since 2016, over a third of which went to global funds - Germany is particularly heartened that independent reviews, such as that conducted by OIOS in 2023, prove that they are one of the most successful instruments in fostering greater joint programming.

We note with great concern that **competition for funding among UNDS entities** remains a major obstacle to the success of the reforms, as evidenced by a staggering 48% of UNICEF country representatives. Pooled funding thus plays a

crucial role in further pushing the UNDS towards fully leveraging the advantages of each of its parts to deliver a coherent offer, tailored to host country needs. We recognize that contributors play a crucial role in reducing competition for funds, and Germany stands ready to further work with the system, as well as our fellow member states to improve on this.

Germany in particular would like to stress its concern regarding the finding in the SG's QCPR Report for 2024 that less than 30% of Resident Coordinators find alignment between the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and individual entity country programmes. Could measures to address this for instance include respective indicators in the Country Directors' performance appraisals? We look forward to the forthcoming system-wide evaluation on this topic and stand ready to work with UNICEF on addressing this.

Thank you.