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Template for delegations commenting on the country programme documents

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Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on any of the draft country programme documents being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: **ESTONIA**

Draft country programme document: **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1, country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline will be made public on the Executive Board website, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

General comments	<p>Estonia would like to underline the importance of a transparent and inclusive process, and hopes that all relevant stakeholders and donors will be fully and transparently consulted during the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this CPD.</p> <p>As a rule, the focus of CDPs is mostly on countries' internal activities. External activities, if reflected in CDP, should be specific in scope and directly linked with domestic developments and institutions. Therefore, Estonia propose to remove mentioning external activities without clear link to internal activities.</p> <p>This draft CDP does not mention ensuring rights of children belonging to ethnic or religious minorities. It is an issue of utmost importance to leave no one behind and to ensure that rights of all children, especially those who are most vulnerable, will be respected, protected and promoted according to international standards. This comment applies also to specific points, <i>inter alia</i> 4, 6, 20, and 22.</p>
Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document	<p>In all priority areas of the programme, utmost attention should be put on providing equal opportunities and non-discrimination to rural, religious and ethnic minorities, including migrant children. Regional disparities have to be addressed, especially in the access to quality health care and education services. In the centre of attention should be gender equality, especially the sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls, equal access to education and health care services as well as their social participation.</p> <p>P2: Taking into account the size of economy of the People's Republic of China and its role in the external cooperation, as stated in this draft CDP, Estonia proposes to replace the reference to "the needs of a developing country" with the reference to specific needs.</p> <p>P47: It should be clarified what is meant by "consent of the Government" in the context of "support from individuals and the private sector to influence stakeholders' role in contributing to children's rights in China and beyond"</p>

	<p><u>Annex:</u> Relevance of outcomes 5 and 6 (page 12/16) in the context of the purpose of CDP documents needs clarification.</p>
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