

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

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: *Germany*

Draft country programme document: *UNICEF CPD 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>We welcome the CPD for China and thank UNICEF for their valuable work. We appreciate the improvements which have been made in the area of child poverty, mortality, health and development throughout the last decades in China.</p> <p>The programme is based on a comprehensive analysis of the situation of children, including analysis of disparities between gender, children living in rural/urban areas and children of migration workers. We appreciate that a rights-based approach is mentioned in the document (Para 22, para 47).</p> <p>We would welcome analysis on whether children belonging to religious and/or ethnic minorities are disproportionately affected by poverty and underdevelopment. In addition, the explicit recognition of the rights of these children in accordance with China's obligations under the CRC and other human rights conventions including ICERD as well as special measures to meet their needs is missing and must be added in the document.</p> <p>We welcome the role of UNICEF as facilitator for South- South cooperation insofar as this role contributes to the application of internationally agreed standards and to achieving the 2030 Agenda. This notion should be reflected in the CPD text. While identifying „best practices“ for replication, it should be highlighted that those need to adhere to international standards in the areas of sustainability, transparency and accountability.</p> <p>An inclusive consultation process, including bilateral and multilateral stakeholders, during implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the UNICEF CPD would be highly appreciated.</p>
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Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document	<p><i>(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.)</i></p> <p>Para 19: please clarify meaning of the following sentence: „Better advocacy of the UNICEF value proposition for South-South cooperation and private sector partnerships in development programmes is needed among policymakers and influencers in China.“</p> <p>Para 21: What does “supplies” stand for in the context of the sentence? „...and the increased availability of high-quality supplies from China to benefit child development elsewhere.“</p>
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