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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: *Germany*

Draft country programme document: *Somalia*

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General comments	
	<p>We welcome the UNICEF Draft Country Programme 2021-2025 for Somalia and the opportunity to comment on it. GER and UNICEF are working together successfully in Somalia, especially in strengthening resilience of vulnerable households to droughts and food insecurity. Please allow us some general comments:</p> <p>One of the UNDS-reforms' key aspects is improving UN-agencies' collaboration and coordination in programme implementation. We would therefore appreciate a stronger reflection of UNICEF's programming partnership with UN-agencies and international organisations in Somalia. This includes a) outlining more clearly in which programme areas partnerships exist and how the comparative advantages of each partner agency/organisation lead to an added value in programming and b) describing more clearly how the new Somalia CDP contributes to the implementation of the relevant aspects of the UNDS-reform.</p> <p>The BMZ funded UNICEF-WFP-FAO joint programme on strengthening resilience of vulnerable households in Somalia is now entering its third phase. Joint programmes bring together UN-agencies with their respective comparative advantages and are an effective instrument to strengthening multiple resilience capacities of vulnerable households and local structures, along the HDP-nexus. Furthermore, joint programmes are an essential element to strengthen collaboration within the UNDS-system. We would therefore appreciate a stronger focus in the new CPD on joint programming approaches and their role on strengthening resilience.</p> <p>Social protection programming has proved to be an effective measure to strengthening resilience of vulnerable children and families. We appreciate that developing shock-responsive and child-sensitive social protect schemes is included in the CPD and integrated into a system strengthening approach. In line with our comments above on</p>

	<p>partnerships, we recommend the inclusion of information on UNICEFs partners in the field of social protection programming, including the delivery of cash and voucher assistance, in Somalia. Furthermore, we would then welcome more information on the specific thematic area of collaboration, coordination mechanisms and division of labour and synergies with other UN agencies (notably WFP and its SCOPE management system to deliver cash-based transfers). In our view, these are information that should be included in the respective section of the CPD.</p>
<p>Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document</p>	<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>