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Mr. President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of my country, the Sultanate of Oman. The Sultanate of Oman appreciates the development of UNICEF Global and Regional Programme document (GRP), 2026-2029, which supports achievement of the five Impact Results of the Strategic Plan, 2026–2029 and is anchored in a commitment to leave no child behind, through policy and technical advice, advocacy, evidence, global public goods and partnerships, it advances the goals of the Plan. It provides the programmatic framework, results structure and accountability arrangements for the implementation of approved resources at the global and regional levels in high income countries (HICs) where UNICEF does not have country programme documents (CPDs).

In addition to that, there are also some emerging opportunities that can accelerate progress for children. Digital transformation, responsible artificial intelligence, digital public infrastructure, geospatial analytics, early warning systems and frontier innovation are creating new ways to expand access to learning, health, social protection and child protection services. They can also improve the targeting and timeliness of humanitarian and

development responses and strengthen evidence-informed decision-making.

Mr. President,

The role of GRP is very vital in providing policy and technical advice to support comprehensive multisectoral approaches across development and humanitarian contexts, including through resilient primary healthcare, food, education, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), child protection and social protection systems.

Mr. President,

Finally, The Sultanate of Oman, would like to encourage UNICEF country offices on the importance of having an in-depth situation analysis, clear and innovative framework for GRP, to ensure the quality of deliverables for child rights are advanced and sustained.

Thank you,

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