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At the outset, allow me to thank UNICEF [’s regional director] for presenting our country program document, and also express appreciation for fruitful cooperation and outstanding work that UNICEF has been doing in Georgia through its regional office all these years, and particularly past few years and during this COVID-19 of pandemic.

UNICEF’s work with the Georgian government has many success stories, to name a few:

- strengthening the human rights machinery as a whole, by working closely with the Prime Minister’s Human Rights Council and Human Rights Secretariat at the Administration of the Government of Georgia, as well as with the Parliament of Georgia;
- reduction of maternal and child mortality, realization of children’s rights and improvement of their social protection;
- introduction of a bio-psychosocial model for people with disabilities/children;
- development and strengthening of social work, and strengthening the health system to provide equitable access to quality health-care services especially for women, girls and boys;
- reforming preschool and general education system

The work of the Fund bears particular significance in the Russia-occupied regions of Georgia, where blatant human rights violations occur on a daily basis.

As regards the current CPF for Georgia 2021-2025, we are pleased to note that the process of formulation of the Programme Document was open and transparent, involving the Government and all relevant stakeholders. It is aligned with national priorities, and supports Georgia’s efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

I hope that the board shall approve this document and, we look forward to continuing working closely with the UNICEF again in the future.

I thank you