Dear ED Fore,

National Committees pay special tribute to you. You have been a great source of inspiration to us. We admire your courage, honor and strength and we were deeply touched every time you referred to us as part of the family. As we reflect upon the important discussions happening in this Second Session of the UNICEF Executive Board, we can see how your vision has paved the path for progress in many initiatives such as the UNICEF Strategic Plan and the Programming in High Income Countries update to the Board.

Your focus on young people was and still is so inspiring. And perhaps its also good to share that you’ve challenged us to do deliver more and faster and you encouraged us to develop new concepts and to focus on digitalization. This was very well received and brought in good and a strong partnership. Your support to National Committees has been so important.

It is somehow fitting that we get to say goodbye to you at this pivotal time for the organization. The Strategic Plan and Programming in High Income Countries are great examples of how we can work as one. During your tenure, National Committees have established closer ties with
several parts of the UNICEF family and we have been intentional about strengthening our collaboration and always working together. Thank you for leading us this far. We are UNICEF.

Suzanne Laszlo

Chair of the Standing Group of National Committees