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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Members of the Executive Board,
Distinguished Colleagues,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to thank Mr. Mohamed Fall for the brilliant presentation of the new CPD Madagascar.

I would like also to seize this opportunity to express my delegation’s sincere appreciation to UNICEF, and particularly its country-based team for the job well done on the ground, to promote children’s rights and access to the fundamental services as health, nutrition, education, water, sanitation and hygiene, and social protection, broadly speaking.

Despite numerous natural disasters, such as cyclones, droughts, and epidemic like plague, polio, measles and Covid-19, the previous country programme supported by UNICEF developed major successes. To mention a few, a pipeline in the south to mitigate the impact of climate change, a new education sectoral plan, an investment plan on nutrition leading to major international support to the sector, and the finalization of a Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), which was instrumental to provide data and evidence to all sectors, enabling the prioritization of national development initiatives.

My gratitude goes as well to all our stakeholders for their continuous support to this longstanding cooperation between Madagascar and UNICEF. This team effort, strengthened by State members, NGOs and civil society, and private
sector, enabled positive and improved outcomes that we proudly witness today.

Mr. Chair,

Madagascar welcomes this new CPD which as far as we are concerned, reflects targeted prospects in line with both, our national development plan, the “Plan Emergence Madagascar”, and our sectorial national policies. As we all experienced, the year 2020 and even this year 2021 brought strains that caused setbacks in the implementation of development strategies in many countries throughout the world including Madagascar due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The availability of the CPD and connected framework documents were delayed. Nevertheless, the Government of Madagascar set up a multisectorial recovery plan to stay on track with its development targets.

In this respect, I would like to highlight that as recently as July 2021, we have been informed of a country donor’s financial assistance amounted 2.5 million dollars provided to UNICEF in the framework of a multisectorial supports to the population of the Southern region of Madagascar, the “Grand Sud”, who is currently facing the impact of severe and long-term drought.

This is to say that with this new CPD, the partnership between Madagascar and UNICEF will be bolstered based on national priorities and needs. We are confident that the document will offer a relevant tool for promoting and enhancing efficient policy for the benefit of children.

This new document has been designed from past experience and lessons learned from the previous country programme whilst taking into account
cross-cutting issues like climate change, gender-based violence, not to neglect disabilities, urban approaches, community inclusion and youth development.

Thus, we call for every stakeholder’s support for a full and efficient execution of CPD Madagascar for 2021-2023.

To conclude, let me assure you of Madagascar’s commitment in the implementation of this new CPD both on its operational aspects and all further steps such as evaluation and audits.

We are committed to pursue our joint multi-sectorial involvement at all level and in all situations to support the survival and development of children, especially the most vulnerable ones.

I thank you.