

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR SYED MOHAMAD HASRIN AIDID PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND EXECUTIVE BOARD FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2022 10 FEBRUARY 2022

Mr. President,

- 1. Malaysia welcomes the Country Programme Document for Malaysia 2022 to 2025 that has been presented earlier before us by Ms. Debora Comini, UNICEF's Regional Director of East Asia and the Pacific. I would like the regional Director and her team for their tireless dedication and close collaboration with my government to come out with the UNICEF Malaysia Country Programme Document.
- 2. Malaysia is committed to improve the status of children in the country and this commitment is well reflected in the formulation of various programmes under the Malaysia UNICEF cooperation.
- 3. As a State Party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Malaysia has undertaken efforts to ensure that the rights of children are protected.
- 4. Administratively, the Government periodically introduces new policies and initiatives to enhance the welfare and development of children, in line with the principles embodied in the CRC.
- Malaysia acknowledges the importance of its collaboration with UNICEF.
 Since 1964, Malaysia has benefited from the technical assistance provided
 by UNICEF to increase development services for the well-being of children

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in Malaysia as well as to improve the implementation of the rights of children, particularly in the areas of education, health, economy, care and protection.

Mr. President,

- 6. Malaysia takes note that the Malaysia's CPD 2022 2025 was developed based on the consultations with the line agencies in Malaysia and was endorsed by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) as the lead agency for this initiative. The endorsed CPD will be submitted and presented at the UNICEF Executive Board First Regular Session in February 2022.
- 7. Malaysia regards the UNICEF Country Programme as a useful tool to support the Government's continuous efforts in addressing children's well-being in the country. In this regard, Malaysia supports the establishment of the Malaysia CPD 2022 2025 which is in line with our Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 and the 12th Malaysian Plan for 2021-2026.
- 8. Malaysia looks forward to the implementation of the CPD and the targeted outcomes which focus on the child well-being, equity and inclusion and ending violence against children. Malaysia also takes note that the CPD's deliverable strategies will include a twin-track strategy that focuses on building inclusive policy frameworks and systems that meet the needs of all children, while also supporting the development of targeted interventions for the vulnerable children.
- 9. Malaysia is steadfast in continuing the on-going solid cooperation with UNICEF, through close collaborations with Government Agencies and relevant civil societies, in achieving common goals and objectives. Malaysia hopes that current endeavours undertaken will propel the country in its aspiration to achieve the 2030 Agenda on SDGs. We humbly seek the approval of the Executive Board on Malaysia's CPD.

I thank you, Mr. President.