

**Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board**

**Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents**

**2022 annual session**

***Draft country programme document commenting period:***

**22 March to 11 April (Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania)**

**24 March to 13 April (Syrian Arab Republic)**

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on the draft country programme document being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: *Federal Republic of Germany*

Draft country programme document: *Syrian Arab Republic*

In accordance with Executive Board decision [2014/1](#), draft country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline stated above will be posted on the Executive Board website, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

	<b>Delegation's comments</b>	<b>Response(s)</b>
<b>General comments</b>	<p><b>CPDs are overall well drafted and address the right priorities in light of the multiple challenges in the Syrian context.</b></p> <p><b>However, the CPDs do only partly reflect the current situation in Syria. There is no mention of the conflict which is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year or the role of the SYR regime in causing the extreme challenges that the UN programmes try to address.</b></p> <p><b>The CPDs also reflect the reservations of the Syrian regime regarding the <u>UN Parameters and Principles</u>. We suggest to underline that the full implementation of UN Parameters and Principles is key to the UN engagement for the Syrian population.</b></p>	

<p><b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b></p>	<p><b>The Principles and Parameters of United Nations Assistance in Syria apply to all measures of the United Nations in Syria and should not be limited to early recovery as suggested in paragraph 23.</b></p> <p><b>Risk Management: continued conflict and violence pose serious threats to UN programme implementation. It would be appropriate to reflect these aspects more carefully.</b></p> <p><b>Risk Management under paragraph 46 and following paragraphs should also highlight safeguards against human-rights infringements.</b></p>	
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