

**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: *Finland*

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>	As a general comment, the CPD could reflect more on how UNICEF plans and implements its operations "as One UN".	UNICEF will continue to be an active and substantive player in implementing and operating as One UN, and as the chair of United Nations Programme Management Team, UNICEF has been leading this year the discussion about joint programming / joint programmes while it has also been an active partner in ongoing UN joint programmes.  Due to the limitation of the CPD, which is meant to provide a broad framework with strict word limit, it is difficult to further elaborate on this aspect in the document.

<b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b>	para 40: the humanitarian principles are lacking mention of “independent”	Thank you for raising this to our attention. Added in CPD on paragraph 40.
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