

U.S. Remarks
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Item 9 – Audit and Investigation

- The United States thanks OIAI, management and the Secretariat for the reports.
- We note that with regard to non-post costs for 2022–2025, the Office proposed a non-post budget of \$9.6 million and was allocated \$5.3 million. Non-post resources for the next quadrennium therefore remain below the level of the previous quadrennium, despite the significant increase in workload. How is the Office coping with this situation? How does this impact investigations?
- We also note increased decentralization of the Office, with additional posts added in Budapest. Has this increased or decreased efficiency in audits?
- The United States notes with grave concern an increase in sexual exploitation and abuse cases involving the staff of implementing partners, with 75 cases in 2021. The report does not provide much in the way of detail regarding those cases, including their disposition, resolution, and what UNICEF will do to address this consequential problem. Please elaborate.
- The United States notes management’s response. As management, in its report, acknowledges the need to build capacities of implementing partners to prevent SEA, how are you implementing that in practice?