

U.S. Remarks
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Item 3 – UNICEF Annual Report

- The United States thanks the Executive Director and the Secretariat for the reports.
- Regarding performance under the goal areas, the United States commends UNICEF for achieving a 100% progress rate in 19 out of 25 result areas.
- The United States commends UNICEF for the number of strong partnerships you have established with UNFPA, UNDP, the World Bank, Save the Children, and other international organizations and bodies. Given your observation in para 3 that half of all children, over 1 billion, live in countries at an extremely high risk from the impacts of climate change, do you envision any partnerships with the UNEP to work together to mitigate these risks?
- In para 99 of the report, we note UNICEF’s observation that the organization needs to continue strengthening the timeliness of investigations and the overall approach to measuring performance in this important area. Can you tell us what measures you will take to improve in this regard?
- In Figure 6.4 in the data companion report, you note that in 2021, UNICEF made a global cash contribution of \$8.3 million and local contributions of \$1.3 million to the resident coordinator system, exceeding the target of \$9.5 million, which we note with appreciation. How is that target established?
- The United States commends UNICEF for the timely implementation of most of JIU’s recommendations.
- The United States also notes that, in response to a JIU recommendation on cybersecurity resilience, UNICEF will report annually on elements and progress of the cybersecurity program.