Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

2022 second regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period (except for the draft CPD for Gabon): 14 June to 5 July 2022 [18:00 EST]

Draft country programme document for Gabon commenting period: 17 June to 11 July 2022 [18:00 EST]

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: USA

Draft country programme document: India

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.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments	 We ask UNICEF to consider including community health workers alongside community-based platforms given the abundant evidence that shows their enhanced ability to reach disproportionately affected populations. We ask UNICEF to consider the adoption of the Zero-Dose vaccine strategy as a way to ensure that children in the hardest-to-reach regions receive all necessary routine vaccinations. We support the use of social and behavioural change interventions for promoting health diets and encourage UNICEF India to integrate cultural competency training into these strategies to ensure optimal uptake of recommended behaviours. 	

Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document	(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.	