

Statement of Algeria

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Madam President,

First, allow me to warmly congratulate you and the Bureau members for the tireless effort in coordinating our work and thank Madame Executive Director for her insightful presentation.

Algeria aligns itself with the statement delivered by Rwanda on behalf of the African Group and wishes to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

My delegation truly values UNICEF's ability to promptly respond to the needs of children, despite huge challenges and limited resources.

No doubt, efforts have been made and continue to be made. However, the reality on the ground provides us with alarming examples of outbreaks of vulnerability that affect children around the world, especially in developing countries, in particular in Africa. UNICEF's 2022 report is unequivocal.

The ambitious UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 remains entirely relevant to this time of poly-crisis.

Madame President

Algeria, which is among the first countries that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child, has taken great strides in terms of implementation of the rights of the child in various fields. The CPD adopted in February will certainly contribute to strengthen the Government's action plan, especially in terms of education, capacity building, health, and social protection.

The last working visit to Algeria few days ago of the Director of the MENA Region, was an opportunity to deepen the high-level dialogue and witnessed from the ground

the commitment of all actors and at all levels in favor of the promotion and protection of children's rights.

At the regional level, Algeria spares no effort both within the framework of the African Union and with the League of Arab States to promote the agenda of children's rights.

In this context, Algeria strongly believes that cooperation with regional organizations will enable better action and provide better services and responses for vulnerable populations.

As I conclude, allow me to emphasize that it is our responsibility, member states, the United Nations, and all partners, to act now to address the challenges that children continue to face globally. We must bring together all our efforts for the ultimate goal of offering a better future for our children.

I thank you