

U.S. Statement during Agenda Item #7 – Revised Evaluation Policy of UNICEF at the UNICEF Executive Board Meeting

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- The United States welcomes the revised evaluation policy with the greater clarity on the definition, purposes, principles, and coverage standards of the evaluation function.
- The United States welcomes the extensive evaluation coverage and mandatory scheduling included in the document, but we have some questions:
 - There is no mention of evaluations of UNICEF’s supply function, PSEAH actions and or localization efforts. When and how will these important areas be covered?
 - This revision lacks important information about joint evaluations such as the types, timing, and partner agencies involved. These are very important, and we would welcome additional details on UNICEF's plans for these.
 - The table notes many planned evaluations, each one requiring a corresponding management response. Does UNICEF have the capacity to deliver on all of these with just 1 percent allocated to the evaluation function?
- We note with appreciation the explanations on how evaluation expenditures will be calculated, a significant improvement over the last revision.
- Can you provide specific examples of new methods and innovations for better use of evaluation evidence for organizational accountability and learning? Can you provide specific examples of work carried out to enhance evaluation quality and capacity at Country and Regional Office levels?
- UNICEF notes its engagement in evaluating partnerships to gain a holistic understanding of programming results, among other outcomes. Are the findings

of these efforts publicly available? How are these evaluations used to complement other internal evaluations?

- UNICEF notes a mid-term evaluation will take place before the independent review of the revised policy's performance in 2027. Is this evaluation scheduled? When will it occur?
- We look forward to a progress update by the Evaluation Office in the First Regular Session of the Executive Board in 2024 to understand obstacles encountered and lessons learned. These are not clearly stated in the present report.

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