

**Special Focus Session on Polio Eradication**  
**On the margins of the 2024 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board**  
Conference Room 1, Conference Building, United Nations, New York  
8 February 2024, 10 to 11 a.m.

## **AGENDA**

### **Opening/State setting**

- Opening remarks by Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director, UNICEF (3 mins.)
- Special remarks by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (*pre-recorded video*, 3 mins.)
- Presentation on the status of polio eradication by Mr. Steven Lauwerier, Director– Polio Eradication, UNICEF (5 mins.)

### **Country Perspective**

- Remarks by Mr. Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Pakistan (*virtual*; 3 mins.)
- Remarks by Dr. Elizabeth Mukamba Musenga, Coordinator, Polio Emergency Operations Center, Democratic Republic of the Congo (3 mins.)

### **Global Perspective/Global Polio Eradication Initiative**

- Remarks by Mr. Michael McGovern, Chair, International PolioPlus Committee, Rotary International (3 mins.)
- Keynote speech by Dr. Christopher Elias, President, Global Development Programme, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (3 mins.)

### **Statements by Member States (30 mins.)**

### **Closing**

- Closing remarks by the President of the UNICEF Executive Board 2024, H.E. Mr. Ernest Rwamucyo, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations (3 mins.)