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**Mr. President,
Distinguished Members of the Executive Board,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, allow me to extend to you, Mr. President, and the members of your Bureau my heartfelt congratulations for assuming the chairmanship of the Executive Board of the UNICEF, and wish you a successful term.

The Government of Madagascar welcomes the adoption of the Country Programme Document 2024-2028 by the members of the Executive Board of UNICEF.

We are delighted that the new CPD, which was developed under the leadership of the Government of Madagascar, and in close consultation with the UNICEF and the civil society, is fully aligned with our national priorities and our new approach of development based on a people-centered action and oriented into three pillars: human capital development and social protection, industrialization and good governance.

This new document is also consistent with the UNICEF strategic plan 2022-2025 as well as with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Plan 2024 -2028. Through the Universal Periodic Review, it takes into account the recommendations of the United Nations treaty bodies and the Human Rights Council.

We particularly appreciate its components which focus on strengthening the national child protection system to realize the rights of children to grow up safe, secure and free from any form of violence and exploitation, to live in a safe family environment and relies on a multi-system strategy promoting access to nutrition, improved child growth and development, through quality diets, services and promotion of child-friendly practices.

Mr. President,

As Madagascar is one of the countries severely impacted by the climate change and where its side effects are highly felt by the population mainly the children and people with disabilities, my delegation is also pleased to acknowledge that the new CPD considers the adaptation to climate change in all its components as top priority and is strategically focused on children, youth, teenage girls.

The new CPD is expected to support the Government meeting its commitments to promote, respect, protect and fulfill the rights of the child, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the 2022 recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

With this comprehensive program, Madagascar is engaged to addressing the needs of children, including those with disabilities, through the education of children, adolescents girls and youth, as well as advancing their well-being and protecting their fundamental rights.

Mr. President,

With this positive note, we would like to reaffirm our full endorsement of this new Country Programme Document and our commitment to working with our partners to implement it and achieve its goals. We also look forward to our continued partnership with UNICEF and all other relevant stakeholders.

Allow me also to take this opportunity to call for the support of our partners for the full, efficient and successful implementation of this new Country Programme Document for Madagascar.

Before concluding, allow me also, on behalf of the Gouvernement of Madagascar, to express our sincere appreciation to the country-based team lead by Ms. Christine Jaulmes, for their commendable efforts on the ground, as well as their unwavering commitment and hard work in shaping this program, and aligning it with our national priorities.

I thank you