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- The United States thanks UNICEF for its response to recommendations by the BOA and are pleased with UNICEF's continued focus on implementing the recommendations. We urge UNICEF to continue its strong efforts in this regard in closing BOA recommendations and reporting on those efforts in 2025.
- The United States notes UNICEF's strong financial position as indicated by substantial increases in revenue. However, we note with concern the continuing decline of regular resources. We note regular resources declined from 24% percent to total resources in 2018 to only 12 percent of the total in 2022. The United States urges members to consider increasing contributions to regular resources.
- The United States supports all BOA recommendations and encourages their swift implementation by UNICEF.
- My delegation is concerned about the lack of security awareness training for UNICEF staff. We view the lack of security awareness training as a substantial risk to the organization. We note management's commitment to attain level of 90% by the end of 2025. We urge UNICEF to consider attaining a level of 100% by the end of 2024.
- The United States recognizes that the dedicated staff are the greatest asset of any organization. We note the high priority recommendation to streamline the process to make it easier for heads of offices to ensure payroll funding is prioritized and that gaps are promptly identified and addressed. UNICEF has a target date for completion of Q1 of 2024. Are you on track to meet that timeline for resolving this important issue?
- My delegation also notes that UNICEF revenue has grown substantially since 2018 while staffing levels for the OIOS has not kept up with the growth. The U.S. encourages UNICEF to consider increasing staffing levels and audits to ensure UNICEF's continued commitments to independent oversight.