

## **Intervention from the floor on item 7**

### **Sweden**

Mr/Madam President.

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Thank you for this update on the implementation of the recommendations in the UNICEF Level 3-response and on ongoing transition and recovery efforts.

Restating that Covid-19 pandemic had an universal unprecedented negative impact - foremost for children in vulnerable situations.

Sweden would like to underline the importance of acting on the recommendations of the evaluation and systematizing lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic. This is a fundamental prerequisite for designing effective system strengthening and support to member states' health systems and preparedness of future health emergencies.

We would like to hear more about UNICEF's conclusions from the evaluation when it comes to lessons learnt on multilateral and interagency cooperation.

We would also like to hear UNICEF's view on how this can feed into the ongoing work to define the global health architecture for health emergency preparedness and response.

We encourage UNICEF to keep emphasising the importance of cross sectorial learning of a public health emergencies and pandemics, including the importance of preparedness, and accommodating

needs of schools and childcare for all children and particularly those in vulnerable situations.

Not only did closed schools and childcare affect the education and care for children, and their families, but they also increased gender inequalities. Therefore, we count on UNICEF to continue to reassure that the gender perspective will be at the centre in the upcoming multilateral work in relation to global pandemic preparedness.

Thank you.