

## Agenda item 17 : Adoption of draft decisions

Madame President,

I am delivering this statement on behalf of Western European and Others Group.

We would like to thank you, Madam President, for your leadership throughout this week ensuring the successful closure of this session of the Executive Board.

We also would like to thank Unicef staff for their comprehensive presentations and lively engagement with the board members as well as Unicef Secretariat for their support. Also, we would like to extend our gratitude to the facilitators who managed the informal negotiations professionally and successfully, bridging divides and finding compromise. Our special thanks goes to our colleague from Morocco, Majda Moutchou for her facilitation on agenda item 12. Regarding this particular item, we would also like to thank the other Regional groups for their efforts to find a consensus. In particular, we thank the Members of the African Group, whose concerns are shared and well taken.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of Unicef's organizational culture in delivering its mandate in an inclusive, accountable and effective manner. In this regard, we deem the work of the Internal Task Team on Anti-Racism and Discrimination paramount in ensuring that Unicef's organizational culture reflects the organization's values and its mission to realize the wellbeing and potential of every child, everywhere.

As member states, we remain strongly committed to the work of the Internal Task Team and commend its efforts and activities undertaken so far. We look forward to our continuous exchange with Unicef and other board members on this matter.

Thank you.