

Remarks delivered by the Permanent Mission of Turkey

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Thank you Chair.

Let me start by thanking our colleagues for their comprehensive evaluation of the work of UNICEF on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programming in protracted crises, and the management response.

Turkey addresses WASH issues from an humanitarian perspective. We have supported relevant initiatives, including that of UNICEF's, and will continue to do so, in an effort to contribute to the work in securing safe and affordable drinking water for all, in humanitarian settings.

We encourage UNICEF and other relevant agencies to continue to strengthen their focus on achieving SDG target 6.1, which is safe and affordable drinking water for all, and prioritize vulnerable groups, especially women and girls.

We also encourage relevant UN agencies working on this issue to increase cooperation and coordination on the ground.

Finally, we call on the international community to assist developing countries, especially least developed countries, to strengthen their infrastructure on drinking water and sanitation.

Thank you.