Mr. President,
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Executive Director of UNICEF,
Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to reiterate my delegation’s full support to the Bureau, and to have a successful deliberation in accordance with the program of work. My delegation would also like to extend our appreciation to the Executive Director of UNICEF, for his comprehensive remarks to begin our discussion.

With regards to the Programme and Policy Matters of the UNICEF Executive Board, Indonesia wishes to note with appreciation the two reports of UNICEF on the Progress and Achievements against the medium term strategic plan (MTSP) of UNICEF, and on the Progress of Gender Equality Work in UNICEF. The achievements provide important insights on what has been reached, and also identifies the remaining challenges faced by the world’s children as well by the Agency.

Recognizing that there is still much that needs to be done to meet international goals on children, we need to continue strengthening and accelerating our collective efforts. This should include focusing on the synergy between children and gender.

As the QCPR underscored, strengthening leadership and commitment towards gender equality should serve as a strong impetus to focus and invest on the matter in UNICEF’s development programmes. As stated in the Reports, it is imperative to prevent the work on gender equality becoming nobody’s responsibility, when it is supposed to be everybody’s responsibility.

Following the focus on main areas such as universal primary education, health services access, and protection from violence for every child; it is also important to further strengthen the measures on the ground through applicable initiatives and programmes relevant with countries’ local context.

Indonesia therefore commends the continued focus by UNICEF on developing and mainstreaming the Monitoring Results for Equity System (MoRES), on applying gender mainstreaming approach in programming, and on the continuing work with Governments-UN sister agencies-and Civil Society partners; while continuing to seek improvements in its operation through measures among others: the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting (IPSAS), and Virtual Integrated System of Information (VISION).

Those efforts are indeed crucial for UNICEF in order to achieve equitable conditions on the ground, in response to the complex challenges ranging from natural disasters to humanitarian crises, while improving its efficiency-transparency-and accountability.

As for the last MTSP review, Indonesia highly commends UNICEF’s strategic approach to incorporate the 9 Key Findings in to the proposed current one, in the realization of the rights of all children by emphasizing on equality.
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As the 2015 MDGs deadline comes closer, there are certain gaps that need to be addressed. Inevitably, the UNICEF 2014-2017 MTSP’s significance will be measured by its role in finishing the remaining work on the MDGs in areas related to children, and the protection of their rights and wellbeing, while ensuring the inclusion and centrality of the issue, in the Post-2015 development agenda.

Against that backdrop, Indonesia has high hopes that the 7 intertwined areas of health, HIV/AIDS, WASH, nutrition, education, child protection, and social inclusion, that are included in the proposed 2014-2017 MTSP, not only would serve as results and key performance indicators, but also stress the commitment by UNICEF in responding the development priorities and needs of countries.

As an active partner of UNICEF, Indonesia is ready to work together, and offer its continued support to yield a fruitful deliberation in this highly anticipated Session.

I thank you.