President,

I am pleased to deliver this statement on behalf of Finland and my own country, Norway.

We underline the importance of monitoring and transparency of the follow up of General Assembly resolutions on operational activities. The reporting on such matters should be clear, analytical and as informative as possible. This requires a more systematic, structured and comprehensive approach than we see in the report before us. The present report could have given a more complete picture of UNICEF’s overall implementation of the TCPR, rather than focusing on examples.

We would support efforts to improve reporting as the funds and programmes start the implementation of the QCPR. The QCPR mandates reporting on various issues, including to ECOSOC. We would also suggest to make the overall reporting to ECOSOC more efficient. We should explore the possibility of integrating QCPR reporting in other mandated reports to ECOSOC, to minimize overlap and to make it clear that QCPR follow up must be and is an integral part of the funds' and programmes' activities.

Ultimately, QCPR follow up is a key element of the implementation of the respective strategic plans. Thus, the commitment to QCPR follow up must be a priority at the highest level of management.

Thank you.