UNICEF 2013 Pledging Event

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Mr. President.

At the outset, let me reiterate Hungary’s strong commitment to cooperate with UNICEF in order to overcome the obstacles related to poverty, disease, discrimination and violence affecting children worldwide.

Regular resources allow UNICEF to provide continuity, respond to the emerging needs, facilitate long-term planning and sustainability. In this regard, I am pleased to announce that the Government of Hungary pledges 25 million HUF, approximately 113,000 USD, to the regular resources of UNICEF for the year 2013.

This amount is in addition to the earmarked contributions that Hungary has already pledged in 2013, to provide clean water and sanitation for Syrian refugee children and to the victims of Typhoon Bopha in the Philippines.

In conclusion, we would like to once again express our sincere appreciation for UNICEF’s work and express our commitment to further strengthen our cooperation in the future.

Thank you, Mr. President.