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Statement

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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

1. At the outset, my delegation wishes to express our sincere thanks to the Executive Board of UNICEF for approving the adoption of UNICEF's country programme document of cooperation 2019-2023 for Cambodia.

2. UNICEF is a great long standing partner of the Royal Government of Cambodia. It has played an active role in socio-economic development in Cambodia to improve millions of lives of women and children as demonstrated by Cambodia’s achievements in the Millennium Development Goals.

Mr. President,

3. The implementation of the UNICEF’s 5th country programme of 2016-2018 has brought significant results such as improved maternal health status of women and children; improved quality education; greater access to water and improved sanitation; enhanced social protection coverage targeting women and children; and for the first time, a decrease in the number of children unnecessarily placed in residential care.

4. The Country Programme is aligned with the priorities set out in the National Strategic Development Plan and sectoral policies of the Royal Government of Cambodia. This alignment is crucially important in assisting Cambodia to implement our Sustainable Development Goals in line with the UN2030 Agenda.
5. With an estimated regular and non-regular funding assistance around $121 million, I am sure that UNICEF can continue its priority focus on health and nutrition, education, water, sanitation and hygiene, child protection, and policy and public financing for children development in Cambodia.

Mr. President,

6. Taking this opportunity, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to generous donors present here today for their financial support to UNICEF’s projects and programme in Cambodia as well as to all Board Members for your kind support. Your countries’ continued support for implementation of UNICEF’s programme 2019-2023 for Cambodia is highly appreciated. Children are the most important area where we all the governments and donors should pay utmost attention. Children’s future is our country future.

7. Let me conclude by expressing once again my sincere thanks to UNICEF for its enormous contribution and support to Cambodia through investment in education and children. The RGC will provide its full cooperation to UNICEF for successfully implementing our programme 2019-2023.

Thank you