Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to thank you, in particular, for your leadership on this important issue of improving the working methods of the Executive Board over the last year, and to thank as well the Bureau - and its members - for their collaborative work across the Bureaus of the Funds and Programs.

We also thank UNICEF and its sister organizations for the joint response to the Board’s request at the 2018 annual session. This work has identified key areas where we can achieve progress in the short term, and areas we can explore further over the coming year.

We all see value in making some adjustments to our own working methods in order to build on current good practice and make the best use of our short time here during sessions.

As UNICEF operationalizes UN Development System reform commitments, it does so together with a number of other organizations, and therefore efforts to harmonize Executive Board agendas and calendars, to improve scheduling and timing of sessions, and make strategic use of informal sessions will all assist with these efforts.

Perhaps most importantly, we would like to work with you to see how we can make session document and presentations more strategic and analytical, dynamic and interactive. And, we have already seen much progress in this regard.

Thank you again, Mr. President, for your ideas and your leadership.