Madam President,

At the outset, please allow me to extend my appreciation to Mr. Daniel Toole for presenting the draft UNICEF Country Program Document for Indonesia 2016 – 2020. UNICEF remains an important partner for Indonesia in our effort to improve the quality of life and well-being of the children.

Under the MDGs, Indonesia has managed to keep on-track, accomplish and surpass some of its goals. We have made significant reductions in infant and neo-natal mortalities; increased the number of children accessing basic and quality education; as well as enhanced the protection of children from violence.

Despite many positive achievements, there remain a number of challenges in the area of health and social protection for children, such as maternal mortality and malnutrition, geographic variations and multiple natural disasters.

To overcome these challenges, we wish to assure you of our unwavering commitment along with our systematic efforts in addressing these challenges by continuing to strengthen the decentralized government structure; provide sufficient budget allocation; increase engagement with more stakeholders as well as other development and implementation specific policies in certain areas.

Madam President,

Members of the Board,

We are pleased with the draft UNICEF 2016 – 2020 country program for Indonesia. We consider this document as the fruit of a close and effective collaboration between the government of Indonesia and UNICEF. We also convey our appreciation to the UNICEF Indonesia on their cooperation and good faith during the consultation process with relevant stakeholders. We wish, the adoption of CPD 2016 – 2020 will further strengthen the coordination and enhance the role of UNICEF on the promotion child’s rights in Indonesia.
Equally important is that the fund and programs should be implemented in correlation with local contexts, challenges, and development priorities that Indonesia's national development strategy and efforts aim to address.

In this regard, we highly appreciate the budget allocated in the document for child survival, child protection and education, which represent over 60 per cent of the entire budget. The program is in line with our national priorities and budget allocation for 2016.

As part of our efforts to further increase the strengthening of implementation on child protection, Indonesia Child Protection Commission (KPAI) in cooperation with government institution is currently develop website for reporting and monitoring the progress of cases of violence against children (http://bankdata-kpai.id), as well as develop cyber-bullying protection mechanism for children called Indonesia Child Online Protection (ID COP). This efforts aim to spur data revolution in child protection in Indonesia.

Madam President,

To conclude my remarks, I would like to once again reiterate our commitment to promote and protect the quality of life and wellbeing of children. We are hopeful that the new CPD will guide future cooperation between Indonesia and UNICEF, including within the context of the sustainable development goals which will be adopted in the coming weeks.

Thank you.