

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board
Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents
2023 second regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period: 13 June to 3 July 2023 [18:00 EST]

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on the draft country programme document being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: *European Union*

Draft country programme document: Lesotho

In accordance with Executive Board decision [2014/1](#), draft country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline stated above will be posted on the Executive Board website.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments	The strategy lacks a clear protection component. Recent visit by DG ECHO in Lesotho indicated the importance to have a more active UNICEF to fight child labour, child exploitation and risks associated to child trafficking versus South Africa.	
Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents	<i>Must include a much more detailed and prioritized protection component.</i> <i>The documents seems not to elaborate sufficiently on the way NISSA was and is currently actually supported with funds from the EU, nor does it clarify how the same can be really used as a way to promote a shock responsive social protection system.</i>	