

U.S. Remarks
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Agenda Item 8 – Evaluation Reports and Management Responses: 2018-2021 Strategic Plan

We welcome management’s agreement with the recommendation that the new strategic plan should have a stronger focus on ensuring children and young peoples’ role as advocates, partners, and change agents.

Similarly, we emphasize the need to further integrate gender equality and women’s empowerment in UNICEF programming, including in its forthcoming Gender Action Plan. We encourage UNICEF to define, track and report against high-level gender results to promote greater accountability.

We encourage UNICEF to ensure humanitarian action is appropriately prioritized within the strategic framework across analysis, theories of change frameworks and outcomes, risk management, human resources, and financing. We note and affirm the observation that UNICEF’s new strategic plan should provide more emphasis on change strategies, which is particularly critical to improve UNICEF's humanitarian action.