

## **Statement by Norway on agenda item 11 PSEA**

Thank you for giving me the floor, Mr. President and thank you to UNICEF for excellent presentations, and thank you for informing us of challenges. We are fully aligned with the joint statement read by the Netherlands.

We congratulate UNICEF on thorough follow-up of recommendations regarding your systems on protection from racism, sexual exploitation, abuse, discrimination, and harassment.

We appreciate the different initiatives by UNICEF to ensure that the approach to prevent and tackle exploitation and abuse is victim-centered and system-wide. We are pleased that you have expanded community reporting mechanisms, with attention paid to those available during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please allow us to raise two issues for your consideration:

First, we welcome the increased capacity of the investigation team last year. We would recommend that the total capacity of the entire internal audit be looked at, in connection with the new work plan. We would like to make sure there is set aside sufficient competence, capacity, and resources to handle each of the cases of sexual exploitation, abuse, discrimination, and harassment in the best way possible.

Second, we are pleased to learn that you are in the process of adjusting your procedures for registration and reporting, including on developing an accessible, victim centered, and user-friendly alert channel on your webpage. We would like to ask for an update on this important work in your next report.

Thank you, Mr. President.