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Mr. President,

At the outset, let me congratulate you on your election as President of the Executive Board and express Hungary's commitment to work closely with you in this important area.

As Member States are getting ready to adopt an ambitious post-2015 development agenda, we must not forget that children are central to sustainable development, representing the future of our planet. Investment in children's health, safety and education, among others, is essential to ensuring economic growth, safeguarding the planet and creating peaceful and resilient societies.

Hungary commends the central role UNICEF plays in providing assistance to children all over the world and remains committed to providing predictable and flexible funding to the organization. In this vein, we are pleased to announce a financial contribution of 25 million Hungarian forints, or approximately 93.000 US dollars, to the core resources of UNICEF for the year 2015, maintaining our level of contribution from previous years.

In addition to our annual support to the core resources, Hungary also supported UNICEF's activities in various humanitarian crises over the past years, including in Syria, the Central African Republic and the Philippines.

Mr. President,

Let me conclude by thanking Executive Director, Mr. Anthony Lake and his entire team for the tireless efforts and wish them a successful year ahead.

Thank you.