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## United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

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Agenda item 8

### **Draft decision submitted to the Executive Board**

### **Evaluation reports and management responses**

#### *The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the evaluation of UNICEF social protection responses towards universal child benefits, its summary (E/ICEF/2024/3) and its management response (E/ICEF/2024/4);
2. *Notes with satisfaction* the evidence generated by UNICEF on social protection to inform future programming, and encourages UNICEF to continue efforts to build a systematic evidence base on social protection and promote shared and accessible knowledge management;
3. *Encourages* UNICEF to continue advocating for child-sensitive social protection vis-à-vis Governments and partner organizations;
4. *Requests* UNICEF to provide, within existing reporting, updates on the implementation of recommendations from the evaluation of UNICEF social protection responses towards universal child benefits, until recommendations are completed;
5. *Encourages* UNICEF to further leverage its growing expertise in public finance through capacity-building initiatives and to continue its support of child-sensitive budgeting and fiscal space expansion, including through technical assistance;
6. *Underscores* the importance of UNICEF work in strengthening government capacities and ownership and in providing technical assistance to Governments in the area of social protection towards universal child benefits, and encourages UNICEF to expand actions to support Governments in designing, implementing, evaluating and institutionalizing child benefit programmes, strategies and systems;



7. *Encourages* UNICEF to continue mobilizing partnerships, including with Governments, other United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, for child-sensitive social protection, including child benefits, as part of the global commitments to end child poverty and scale up social protection;

8. *Takes note* of the evaluation of phase II (2020–2023) of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage, its summary ([E/ICEF/2024/5](#)) and its management response ([E/ICEF/2024/6](#));

9. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by UNICEF with regard to the implementation of the Global Programme, and emphasizes that the principle of “leave no one behind” should be further mainstreamed in phase III (2024–2030) of the Programme to accelerate progress on addressing the needs of girls across the Programme;

10. *Calls upon* UNICEF to take into account the findings and recommendations reflected in the evaluation of phase II of the Global Programme throughout the planning and implementation of phase III of the Programme;

11. *Requests* UNICEF to provide, within existing reporting, updates to the Executive Board on the progress of implementation of recommendations from the evaluation of phase II of the Global Programme until recommendations are completed, and updates on the progress achieved in phase III of the Programme.

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