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Update on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the update provided by UNICEF on progress made on preventing and protecting against sexual exploitation and abuse within the broader risk management and safeguarding framework;
2. *Urges* UNICEF to continue its efforts to implement the Secretary-General's zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse;
3. *Requests* UNICEF, with firm commitment and support from leadership, to continue to strengthen efforts to ensure a victim/survivor-centred, system-wide and coherent approach to the prevention of, and response to, sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment;
4. *Also requests* UNICEF to continue to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of prevention, protection and response through inter-agency and system-wide collaboration, including through conducting joint assessments and capacity-building of implementing partners and joint community engagement;
5. *Further requests* UNICEF to contribute to and include in its reporting a brief collective summary outlining the joint progress and shared challenges of UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment;
6. *Encourages* UNICEF management to ensure dedicated, adequate and sustainable staffing, expertise and funding to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment;



7. *Recalls* paragraphs 8 and 9 of its decision 2023/10, on the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme, welcomes the steps taken by UNICEF to pilot the Scheme, and requests the organization to continue to report on results and lessons learned, within existing reporting, and contribute to ongoing efforts by the United Nations Secretariat to explore whether the Scheme and the United Nations ClearCheck database can serve as complements to each other.
