



KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

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European Affairs and Development Cooperation

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No.

Brussels, 22 October 2025

Subject: UNICEF – contribution to the project “Enhancing the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism on Grave Violations against Children” - BA 14 54 31 35.40.12 – 2025-2028 – 4.000.000 EUR

Dear Ms. O'Brien,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Government of Belgium, through its Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs - Directorate-General for Development Cooperation (DGD) has decided to make available to UNICEF a financial contribution of an amount of 4.000.000 EUR, for the project “Enhancing the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism on Grave Violations against Children” for the period 2025-2028.

This contribution is to be used under the Terms and Conditions as stated in the financial contribution agreement attached to this letter.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Royal Decree awarding 4.000.000 EUR to UNICEF.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRIBUTION

1. In accordance with the Framework Arrangement

1.1 The provisions applicable to the Framework Arrangement signed between UNICEF and the Government of Belgium on September 23rd, 2016 (hereinafter the "Framework Arrangement"), apply to the present Terms and Conditions of the Contribution. The Framework Arrangement and the specific conditions set forth below apply to this contribution.

2. Payment conditions

2.1 The payment of the Contribution will be transferred into UNICEF's bank account:

Bank : Commerzbank AG
Business Banking
Kaiserstrasse 30
D-60311 Frankfurt am Main
Germany

Account : UNICEF NY Cashiers
Account number : 9785 255 01
Code SWIFT : COBADEFFXXX
IBAN : DE84 5008 0000 0978 5255 01

2.2 The following schedule of payments will be followed for the disbursement of the total amount of 4.000.000 EUR:

<u>Schedule of payments</u>	<u>Amount</u>
first installment before 31/12/2025	1.000.000 EUR
second installment before 31/12/2026	1.000.000 EUR
third installment before 31/12/2027	1.000.000 EUR
fourth installment before 31/12/2028	1.000.000 EUR

The disbursement of the first installment of 1.000.000 EUR will be made after your acknowledgement of receipt and conditions of this letter and a payment request that includes:

- the amount in EUR
- a payment reference
- the complete bank account information.

Subsequent disbursements in 2026, 2027 and 2028 will be made upon receipt of an annual payment request.

2.3 This letter of the Belgian Minister for Development Cooperation, the written acceptance by UNICEF of the terms and conditions specified in this letter, and the UNICEF proposal to the Kingdom of Belgium “Enhancing the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism on Grave Violations against Children” constitute the specific agreement for the award and use of the contribution. UNICEF commits to communicate any updated information on the proposal to the DGD (D2, Directorate for thematic and multilateral cooperation).

3. Administration of the contribution

3.1 The Contribution covers a duration of 48 months, starting from the date of signature of the Royal Decree.

A no-cost extension can be allowed by the donor, provided that a reasonable motivation is given and that the overall objective is maintained. The request and the approval will be produced via an exchange of letters. The letter and the answer will constitute an integral part of this agreement.

3.2 The Contribution shall be exclusively used for those activities set out in the UNICEF proposal to the Kingdom of Belgium “Enhancing the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism on Grave Violations against Children”, which constitute the global support of the mechanism and the support for the countries where the needs are highest.

3.3 The Contribution shall be managed by UNICEF in accordance with its financial regulations and other applicable rules, procedures and practices as stipulated in paragraph 7.2 of the Framework Arrangement.

3.4 UNICEF will carry out the monitoring, evaluation and reporting function in accordance with the paragraph 9.1 and 9.2 of the Framework Agreement.

3.5 Ownership of equipment, supplies and other property financed from the Contribution shall be vested in UNICEF. Matters relating to the transfer of ownership by UNICEF shall be determined in accordance with paragraph 7.6 of the Framework Agreement.

3.6 The Parties agree to apply the final harmonized SEAH language of July 2021 as set forth in the Annex to this Specific Agreement. It is understood that the references to “Donor” in the Annex refer to the Government of Belgium and the references to “Recipient” in the Annex refer to UNICEF.

3.7 Any modification of the present agreement and proposal, shall be officially requested to the Director General of the DGD and must receive its written approval. Requests for extension of the project duration have to be submitted at least two months before the projects initial end date.

4. Justification, reporting and refunding

4.1 UNICEF shall justify the use of the Contribution by providing standardized annual activity and financial reports, carried out in accordance with paragraphs 8.1 8.3.2 and 8.3.3 of the Framework Agreement, in particular for earmarked contributions based on specific programs and projects.

4.2 The contribution shall be subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures provided in paragraph 10 of the Framework Arrangement. If the external Auditor's audit opinion should include observations about the way the Contribution is used, UNICEF commits to inform the DGD in this regard and to update the DGD of its answer and potential actions to correct the situation.

4.3 UNICEF will provide as soon as possible information relating to any instances of credible allegation of fraud or corruption with regards to an earmarked contribution in accordance with UNICEF's Policy of Prohibiting and Combatting Fraud and Corruption and UNICEF's Information Disclosure Policy per Articles 7.7 and 7.8 (in its entirety) of the Framework Agreement.

4.4 Article 7.11 of the Framework Arrangement signed between UNICEF and the Government of Belgium on September 23rd, 2016 applies to any unspent balances at the time of the financial closing of the project.

5. Visibility, interpretation and dispute

5.1 Where appropriate and in line with its rules, UNICEF will refer to the Contribution with regards to the project or its activities in publications, speeches, press releases or similar communications. UNICEF will also inform the DGD of these communications by sending an email to the person in charge of your file mentioned under the heading of this letter.

5.2 Any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of the Contribution shall be settled by negotiation, as agreed upon by UNICEF and DGD.

5.3 If, any time, a Party determines that the purpose of this agreement can no longer be effectively or appropriately carried out, the present agreement may be terminated at the initiative of either UNICEF or DGD giving thirty days written notice, in accordance with the procedure provided for by paragraph 7.5 of the Framework Arrangement signed on September 23rd, 2016. Contractual obligations entered into force between UNICEF and any third party prior to the receipt of the notice of termination, shall not be affected by the termination.

6. Consultation

6.1 UNICEF shall provide the representatives of the Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Co-operation, on request and within the frame of UNICEF's rules and regulations, with information concerning the use of the Contribution and the progress of the project.

6.2 UNICEF shall grant donor representative(s) access to project site(s) with the approval of the recipient government. Timing of such visits will be agreed by all parties. The costs of such participation will be borne by the donor. UNICEF assumes no responsibility or liability for the life, safety or property of visitors to its field offices, who are advised to carry appropriate insurance.

7. Correspondance

The offices responsible for all matters related to this letter are:

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Public Partnerships Division
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New York, N.Y. 10017
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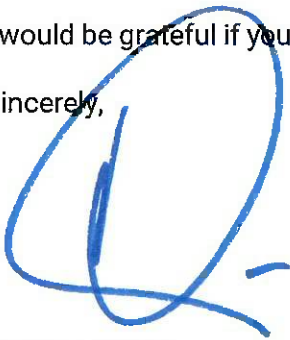
For DGD:

Permanent Mission of Belgium
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One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza
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I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,



Maxime Prévot