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## A world fit for children

### Note by the Secretariat

1. At the special session of the General Assembly on children, held in 2002, delegations from 190 countries adopted the Declaration and Plan of Action contained in the document entitled “A world fit for children” (resolution [S-27/2](#)), in which Governments made a commitment to a set of specific, time-bound and measurable goals and targets for children and young people, with a particular focus on:

- (a) Promoting healthy lives;
- (b) Providing good-quality education;
- (c) Protecting children against abuse, exploitation and violence;
- (d) Combating HIV and AIDS.

2. The follow-up report of the Secretary-General was submitted annually to the General Assembly until the Assembly, in its resolution [76/147](#), requested the Secretary-General to submit the report on a biennial basis to both the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, focusing on children and the Sustainable Development Goals, in the light of the synergies between the realization of children’s rights and the successful implementation of the Goals.

3. Given its obligation to conduct a thorough midterm review of its Strategic Plan 2022–2025 in early 2024, as requested by the Executive Board, and owing to the limited availability of resources to proceed with both the drafting of the report and the midterm review simultaneously, the United Nations Children’s Fund will be able to dedicate the appropriate resources to the drafting of the report only in the second quarter of 2024. Accordingly, the report will be submitted for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session.

