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Ms. Imma Guerras-Delgado
Advisor on Child Rights
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Ms. Guerras-Delgado:

Thank you for your inquiry. The United States stands with the international community in working to reduce and eliminate preventable maternal and child mortality and morbidity.

The United States is the top contributor to UNICEF, which is at the forefront of major advances in children’s health and well-being, including the significant decrease in under-5 child mortality. About 6 million children under 5 are saved each year through interventions supported by the U.S. government, such as newborn resuscitation for birth asphyxia, oral rehydration therapy, zinc supplementation to treat diarrhea, basic immunizations for common ailments, and micronutrient supplementation to treat malnutrition. The U.S. Agency for International Development is a member of the steering committee and the advisory group of the World Health Organization’s Every Newborn Action Plan, which aims to improve the survival, health, and development of newborns. USAID also provides extensive bilateral support for programs to eliminate child mortality and morbidity. We welcome the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and are committed to implementing the goals, including as they relate to childhood mortality and morbidity.

We thank OHCHR for preparing the technical guidance on preventing child mortality and morbidity. We queried relevant government agencies, and those agencies could not confirm that the technical guidance was disseminated internally or used.

The United States government is committed to protecting children, including through investing in their safety and health.

Sincerely,

Keith M. Harper
Ambassador
U.S. Representative to the Human Rights Council