

COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR MEXICO

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<p>CANADA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In meetings with UN agencies and with other like-minded embassies, Canada has consistently heard that the agencies should try to have better coordination with each other to maximize the resources and to avoid duplicating efforts. UNDP mentions identifying the priorities they will focus on jointly with other UN agencies, and that they worked with several other agencies to identify strategies to manage financial risks in cash-transfer government programs. We would welcome more details on how coordination with UN agencies will be advanced as part of the implementation strategy for the Country Program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP appreciates and thanks Canada for its feedback on the Mexico CPD. UNDP, as a member of the United Nations Country Team in Mexico, will promote UNSDCF governance and coordination by participating in the Results Groups (leading the Environment Group), as well as the Monitoring and Evaluation, Gender Equality, Youth, and cross-cutting issues groups that support joint planning and risk management. UNDP has ongoing joint initiatives with UN Women (to promote women’s economic empowerment, inclusive green finance, and leadership in climate governance); UNFPA (Youth Human Development Index); IOM (on migrant inclusion); UNHCR, IOM, and ILO (assisting people in situations of human mobility); and with FAO, UNEP, and UNODC (on food security, biodiversity, and anti-corruption). UNDP will expand and consolidate new partnerships (such as with UN-Habitat or ECLAC) to enhance impact, maximize resources and, at the Government’s request, align closely with government programmes and priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes were made to the CPD.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the evaluation plan, UNDP mentioned that it implemented projects related to political violence against women, but there were not enough resources to continue with this. Political violence against women, including Indigenous women, is a pressing issue in Mexico. We wonder if CPD output 3.2 and its indicators could be strengthened to incorporate this work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP values these comments and considers them highly useful. Given the strong gender-related work carried out in recent years, the CPD includes a dedicated Gender Equality Outcome to better reflect the Country Office's results. The results framework aligns indicators with national measurements and the UNDP Strategic Plan, while maintaining 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 3.2: “Mexican institutions with strengthened technical capacities to implement enhanced mechanisms for the inclusion and non-discrimination of women and girls” and says that their indicators are “Number of partnerships established to promote women's leadership, participation, and gender equality with: (a) civil society organizations led by women (b) other organizations and networks”. • If UNDP could implement projects involving the communities, not only organizations, and help monitor so that Mexican government institutions apply the knowledge they have gained from UNDP’s past trainings/projects on this (for example, by implementing the protocols, designed by UNDP and them, to address cases of political violence), and respond adequately to protect the victims, that would be an important step forward. 	<p>comparability with the IRRF—particularly the 3.2 indicator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing the need to strengthen this area, Output indicators will be complemented by reporting annual IRRF indicators that reinforce the logical contribution to the Outcome, as well as better reflect UNDP's commitments under the Gender Equality Gold Seal (such as strengthening policy, legislative and institutional environment to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV)). • Key follow-up actions on the evaluation of the political violence against women’s project include a campaign on cases affecting Indigenous women and a study on statistical gaps regarding political violence against Indigenous and Afro-Mexican women. These efforts, along with the consolidation of the Gender-Based Political Violence Index and the implementation of prevention mechanisms, are critical to addressing violence among the most marginalized groups. • UNDP also implements community-focused, gender-transformative projects—such as <i>Redes de sororidad</i>, the Small Grants Project, and Democratic Governance in Cooperatives—which have advanced empowerment, leadership, and responses to gender-based violence. Sustaining these gains with government and private-sector partners requires overcoming challenges related to political will, technical capacity, resources, and regulatory frameworks. The issues of gender-based violence and gender-based political violence will continue as priorities for the Country Office, vis-a-vis its resources and mobilization strategies. 	