**COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR PANAMA (2021-2025)**

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|  **Comments by the United Kingdom** | **Country Office response** |
| * Para 19: It would be helpful to incorporate STEM here as it is identified as one of the main educational gaps in Panama.
 | * Reference to STEM has been included to the document.
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| * Para 22: UNODC has similar objectives on conflict and violence prevention and we would welcome reference to interagency cooperation on serious and organised crime prevention goals.
 | * Reference to “interagency cooperation” has been included in the text.
* UNODC and UNDP are co-leading the group and collaborating on the COVID19 Recovery Plan; UNDP also collaborates with other agencies as well.
* It is important to note that UNDP does not focus on “organized crime” per se, but rather works on conflict prevention and citizen security with a strong local level approach, partnering with the Ministry of Security, local authorities, CSOs, academia and private sector. The work is complementary with other agencies.
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| * Para 23: Outlines that UNDP will work with national and local authorities and other UN and multilateral agencies to improve nature based policy solutions. It’s important that UNDP also partner with likeminded partner countries on environmental policies.
 | * Reference to “other countries and partners” added
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| * Para 24: It would be beneficial if partnering with the AIG (Government Innovation Authority) could be listed here as they lead on improving the digital innovation strategy.
 | * Reference to AIG has been added.
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