Your excellences, ministers, presenters, and panelists,

First, we the NGO Committee on UNICEF would like to thank you all for sharing your time, resources, research, and experience with us today.

We too note the importance of the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and value the discussion we have had today regarding “the best interest of the child.” (Article 3)

We would like to echo our support for parental education as a cost effective, preventative mechanism that gives parents the abilities, knowledge, and professional development necessary to care for their children holistically. This improves the situation of children in a manner that is sustainable long term.

Exemplified by the robust discussion that took place this afternoon, there is no singular measure that will be the solution to a child’s wellbeing, but there must be cohesion between multiple measures. We thank the IFFD for the work and research they are conducting in regards to the best interest of the child, and we look forward to continuing the dialogue of caring for all children with our committee members and with all those present today.

Thank you.