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The United Children's Fund (hereinafter "UNICEF") and the Ministry of Interior of Italy (hereinafter "the Ministry") jointly recall the "Protocollo d'intesa" (Joint Declaration) signed with the Italian National Committee for UNICEF in December 2015, "UNICEF Rapid Assessment Mission to Italy, 18-22-January 2016, Mission Report", and the "Proposed UNICEF Technical Support to the Ministry of Italy for Refugee and Migrant Children" dated 22 February 2016, have decided to establish a more structured co-operation between the Parties.

Both Sides stress the importance of establishing appropriate arrangements for the activities of UNICEF in Italy in support of the response by the Ministry to the situation of migrant children: those should be focused especially on the Italian southern regions of Calabria, Campania and Sicilia and should be directed to the monitoring of reception standards and to other necessary actions aimed at a better integration of migrant children.

The Ministry appreciates the work done by UNICEF world-wide for children in need of protection and humanitarian assistance and, in particular, UNICEF's record of providing technical assistance to Governments and other partners which are working to address the protection and humanitarian needs of children.



For these reasons, UNICEF and the Ministry have come to the following understanding:

The Ministry invites UNICEF to provide support as requested in close collaboration with other international and national organizations already operating with the Government in this regard.

Both Sides share the opinion that UNICEF, as an integral part of the United Nations, its property, funds and assets as well as its officials and experts on mission, will enjoy the privileges and immunities established in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations to which Italy has been a party since December 1957, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Both Sides understand that the privileges and immunities, and other exemptions and arrangements referred to in this Joint Declaration of Intent do not extend to the Italian National Committee of UNICEF.

Both Sides intend to develop specific operational procedures according to this Joint Declaration of Intent as expeditiously as possible, it being understood that, in the framework of this cooperation, preparatory initiatives undertaken by UNICEF can proceed immediately even pending the finalization of such procedures.

These arrangements will continue to be in effect for a period of up to fourteen (14) months from the date of this Joint Declaration of Intent (which period can be shortened or extended by mutual agreement between the parties taking into account the situation at the end of such fourteen (14) months period) unless terminated by the Ministry prior thereto with three (3) months' notice to UNICEF.



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