

## COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR NORTH MACEDONIA

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<b>Comments by France</b>	<b>UNFPA country/regional office response to comments</b>
Health sector and specifically women's health is important as it's not covered by other donors and has been identified by France as a niche.	UNFPA expresses appreciation to France for its recognition of the targeted interventions on women's health within the UNFPA country programme document. UNFPA commends France's leadership role in the Generation Equality Forum and will follow up on North Macedonia's commitments regarding bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights.  UNFPA looks forward to strengthening its partnership with France in these crucial areas of mutual interest.
<b>Comments by Sweden</b>	<b>UNFPA country/regional office response to comments</b>
Sweden believes that the UN should move towards policy development support in North Macedonia and that this should be more clearly reflected in UNFPA's country programme (for example bullet point 24, page 4).	UNFPA thanks Sweden for the comment. It should be emphasized that the CPD derives from the UN Cooperation Framework, as stated in paragraphs 20, 23, 25, 27 and 28. It underlines policy development as the primary focus of the UN work in North Macedonia, and UNFPA prioritizes upstream engagement, as stated in paragraph 20 of the CPD, and is thus aligned with Sweden's comment.