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Arbitral decision in favour of UNICEF (estate of Dr. Gustav Rau)

On 4 December 2020 a Swiss Court of Arbitration decided in favour of the Foundation of UNICEF Germany following a long-standing dispute on a part of the estate of Dr. Gustav Rau. Accordingly, the former lawyer of Dr. Rau has to hand over, among other, the former flat of Dr. Rau in Monaco which is part of the estate. UNICEF welcomes the decision: „We very much hope that the litigation following the legacy of Dr. Rau finally comes to an end“, says Christian Schneider, Executive Director of UNICEF Germany. „From future earnings of the Foundation, UNICEF - as intended by Dr. Rau – may support families in Africa even better.“

Dr. Gustav Rau (1922-2002) dedicated his life to children in Africa and to arts. During his lifetime, he transferred his estate to UNICEF Germany and determined it as sole heir. The estate included – among other – a valuable art collection and the flat in Monaco. At the time it was one of the largest humanitarian donations in Germany.