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Protection of the rights of the child in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

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**Intervention of Slovenia**

— Thank you!

Slovenia would like commend the organization of this year's full-day meeting dedicated to the protection of the rights of the child in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement delivered a little earlier.

Mr President,

Children are the adults of our future and they depend on the environment in which they are raised and on the enjoyment of their rights.

Efforts to achieve sustainable development are underpinned with promise of better life for present and future generations. Therefore the realisation of children's rights is important for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and vice versa.

In Slovenia the development of several strategic documents on children's rights and implementation of the 2030 Agenda are under way. The new Programme for children and youth will reflect also the Council of Europe Strategy for Children. The draft Slovenia's Development Strategy until 2030 highlights inter alia the importance of quality education and healthy lifestyle for all. The external aspect of the 2030 Agenda will be reflected in the new Resolution on International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance, which will be adopted shortly. Quality education and equal opportunities are two of the priorities of the Slovenian international development cooperation, which will be guided by the Human Rights Based Approach. Protection of children will continue to have a special place in the Slovenian humanitarian assistance.

As SDGs and their targets are integrated and indivisible, global in nature and universally applicable there is also the need to find the internal-external cohesion in realising children's rights in the implementation of 2030 Agenda.

We would like to ask the distinguished panel for their advice on how to find the proper internal-external balance while ensuring that no child is left behind?

Thank you.