



Statement by
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Clustered Interactive Dialogue with the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General on violence against children and for children and armed conflict

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Thank you, Mr President.

Slovenia would like to thank both Special Representatives for their reports and presentations today. We strongly support their tireless work and their mandates in general. *In this changing world where challenges to protection of children emerge continuously their dedication to prevention of violence against children and violations against children affected by armed conflict, and protection of children from different forms of violence and abuse is of paramount importance.*

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement and would like to ask a question in its national capacity to Special Representatives respectively.

Mme Gamba,

In your report you encourage the Human Rights Council to maintain the practice of including recommendations on protection of children affected by armed conflict in relevant resolutions on country specific situations. What would you advice to the Human Rights Council for the current sessions when inter alia situations in South Sudan, Syria, Mali, Myanmar and Libya are addressed also by resolutions?

Mme Santos Pais,

Also in the present report you give special attention to Agenda 2030 and its impetus on prevention of violence against children. In your opinion what will the July HLPF on sustainable development reveal regarding different forms of violence against children? Has enough progress been made so far to achieve SDGs relevant to violence against children by 2030?

At the end allow me to praise Ms Santos Pais for her devotion to prevention of violence against children, since this is her last interactive dialogue with this Council. As the first Special Representative on this issue she has put very high standards for discharging the mandate.

Thank you!