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Theme: Protection of the rights of the child in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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Mr President,

For Liechtenstein, a comprehensive implementation of the 2030 Agenda is of utmost importance. The universal nature of the SDGs is best reflected by its firm underpinning with human rights. Many targets of the 2030 Agenda have corresponding articles in international conventions. A case in point is the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the most broadly, but not yet universally ratified human rights instrument. We would like to thank UNICEF for providing an excellent mapping¹ of the SDGs and the CRC and invite everyone to take a look at this best practice. Moreover, the 2030 Agenda should be used as a push to achieve true universality of the CRC. Liechtenstein strongly supports an efficient and effective follow-up and a robust review framework for the 2030 Agenda.

¹ https://www.unicef.org/agenda2030/files/SDG-CRC_mapping_FINAL.pdf

The work done here in Geneva by the Treaty Bodies and other human rights bodies is complementary to and reinforces efforts in New York, feeding into a global overview on the status of implementation.

A special area of concern to us is modern slavery - as set out in target 8.7 - where children need particular human rights protection, even more so when they are displaced and/or unaccompanied. These children surely are amongst those most in need of protection. We would like to ask the panelists the following question: How can we best combine forces to address this problem?

I thank you!