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### **Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children**

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Madam President,

We would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of her report. The report states that despite ongoing legislative, institutional and policy efforts undertaken by States, more needs to be done by States for an effective prevention through education and more awareness-raising as well as to address impunity, identify all child victims and provide them with adequate recovery and rehabilitation services.

We are concerned about the increasing vulnerability of children through rapid global developments such as conflict, migration, natural disasters and economic instability as well as the difficulty to detect abuse and exploitation due to the expansion of new technologies.

Madam President,

Together with the Governments of Australia and the Netherlands, Liechtenstein has set up the Liechtenstein Initiative for a Financial Sector Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, which also includes the sale and exploitation of children. The initiative is a public-private partnership with the United Nations University and private financial actors and aims at contributing to meet the SDGs. Liechtenstein firmly believes that we need to involve the private sector in talking about modern slavery and human trafficking.

In September 2019, the multi-stakeholder Commission published its final report “A Blueprint for Mobilizing Finance against Slavery and Trafficking”. The blueprint sets out five goals towards which financial sector actors can work through individual and collective action and contribute to decrease the numbers of people, including children, affected by modern slavery and human trafficking.

I thank you.