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Malta Statement delivered by Mr Adam Kuymizakis, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, New York

Thank you Chair,

Malta aligns itself with the statement of the European Union and would like to add a few remarks in her national capacity.

I thank the Special Representative for her presentation and informative report. I assure you of Malta's full support towards your important mandate.

Special Representative,

Malta firmly believes in the need to incorporate child protection into efforts to prevent and end conflicts, including in the work of the Security Council. In this vein, we welcome your strong collaboration with the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict, including at our Security Council signature event held on 13 February during our presidency.

We also welcome your continued collaboration with the SRSG on Sexual Violence in Conflict, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Human Rights Council, including special procedures and the UPR (universal period review). The mainstreaming of children's rights is important to properly implement and monitor progress and shortcomings of any actions taken by the UN.

Special Representative,



We are alarmed by the latest global estimates in your report on child labour, female genital mutilation, child marriage, detention of children and trafficking, as well as the finding that drivers of violence against children including poverty, climate shocks, lack of education, and conflict are increasing and act as multipliers on each other.

We particularly welcome the focus of your report on the protection of children in the travel and tourism sectors. As we continue to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need opportunities to build back better, including more protection for children.

Special Representative,

As you pointed out, the clock is ticking. How can we ensure a multi-stakeholder, multisectoral and child rights-centred approach in our efforts to tackle violence against children in the context of travel and tourism?

I thank you.



[Abridged Version]

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Malta aligns itself with the statement of *[to be delivered by]* the European Union. In the interest of time, I will read a shorter version of the statement. The full version will be available online.

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Malta agrees that investing in integrated national child protective systems is essential to build resilient societies and get back on track to reach the Sustainable Development Goals.

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