



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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ID with SR on Sale of Children

Thank you, Mr. President.

The State of Israel thanks the Special Rapporteur, for her commitment to this issue and valuable report. We agree that focusing up on the new threats or forms of child abuse that have been created by the new technologies like the internet, is very important and useful.

Along with the significant contribution of information technologies to humanity, there are clear threats and dangers to which we must pay attention. Child abuse, including sexual abuse, illegal employment of children, trafficking and illegal adoption are all risks posed by these technologies.

Our children discover at a very young age the advantages of the internet. As adults, we must protect them from the obvious and hidden threats posed by the internet, including sexual offenders or criminals who hide behind internet anonymity.

Our mission is to minimize to the extent possible, through education, legislation, prosecution of offenders, development of technological solutions to filter and monitor internet activity and more. We need to understand that we have in our hands the ability to save our children's lives and to protect their young and sensitive souls.

Mr. President,

The State of Israel makes significant efforts to protect children and to prevent child abuse on the internet and on social networks and urges other countries to do so as well.

Israeli enforcement agencies investigate and prosecute offenders who abuse children through the internet. Moreover, child abuse victims receive medical and psychological care to help them to recover from their injuries and to give them back the ability to enjoy their childhood again.

International cooperation is essential here and the special rapporteur has rightly pointed out the need for global coordinated response to address this challenge.

Our collective mission is to make the internet as safe as we can for our children and in this way to prevent as much as we can the threats of sexual and labor abuse as well as trafficking of children.

Thank you.