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Thank you, Mr. President.

We would like to thank the Council for organizing this extremely important meeting. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the distinguished panelists for their valuable contribution.

The integration of children's rights in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda has a fundamental role in reaching the goal of leaving no one behind and reaching those furthest behind, first. There is no doubt that children must be put at the center of the agenda, and solutions must be found to the evolving challenges affecting their lives: child poverty, supplying good nutrition, children's health and development, education for boys and girls, promoting equal rights for girls, clean water and good hygiene, innovation to improving conditions of children, and a fair chance for all children to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

Israel accords great importance to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as to the protection, promotion and advancement of children's rights. In recent years, an increasing number of liberties previously reserved for adults have been extended to children. The guiding principle under the law is the child's best interest.

Children possess certain rights that are particular to them, primarily welfare rights. These rights protect important interests, such as health, education, and adequate living standards. One of the rights that promotes children's welfare, and which has been incorporated into Israeli law in recent years is the right of a child to be heard in all matters affecting her or his interests.

The "Children Rights Influence of Legislation Law" requires the systematic inclusion of explanatory notes in every bill regarding its expected implications on the rights of children. These explanatory notes should include information regarding any impact or improvement of children's rights as a result of the bill in question, any changes regarding the basic living conditions that need to be met, and any amendments to services provided to children.

Israel is a party to the CRC and to two of its protocols. Israel is also a signatory to many other international conventions concerning children and is fully dedicated to support their best interest as they become full participants in the political, social and economic development of their communities.

Thank you.