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**Item 3 – ID with the Special Representative of the Secretary General
on Violence against Children**

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Mr. President,

Israel wishes to thank the special representative of the Secretary General for the important report, which highlights the many difficulties that children face.

Israel strongly agrees that while dealing with the impacts of COVID-19 on children, we must not forget the vulnerabilities that existed before the pandemic and that still require practical solutions.

Mr. President

As emphasized in the report, the last two year has shown an increase in violence against children online. The stress factors that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it, the isolation and an increase in the time children spend on virtual platforms were a main reason for this increase.

The Israel National Child Online Protection Bureau, which is a national program for the prevention of violence and crime against children and teenagers online, has significantly increased its functions during the last two years. To name just a few, the Ministry of Welfare has increased the number of social workers for children, participating in the bureau; The Ministry of Education included in the bureau psychological advisors to provide emotional and educational response to children, their parents and their teachers; The Ministry of health provides counselors on the issue of suicided among children and youth, and much more.

Israel would like to ask the Special representative in what ways can States engage children and youth in combating violence against children online.

I thank you.