



Statement by Slovenia
at the
44th Session of the Human Rights Council

**Interactive dialogue with Special Representatives of the UN Secretary-General on
violence against children**

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Madam President,

Since this is the first interactive dialogue with the new SRSG in the UN Human Rights Council, allow me first to congratulate her on the appointment and wish her every success in discharging the mandate.

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement and would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity:

Madame Special Representative,

In your report, you shed light on the staggering numbers of children affected by violence that could be further increased by inter alia protracted conflicts, humanitarian disasters, climate change, new technologies, the spread of terrorism and violent extremism.

Furthermore, we note that Covid-19 pandemics amplified the impact on children, and made children victims of violence even less visible. Could you share some examples of good practices in helping children victims of violence during isolation due to Covid-19 pandemics?

Committed to combating violence against children also in practical sense, we continue to support projects on human rights education for children, such as "Our Rights", currently carried out in Egypt and Kosovo, and school and peer mediation project in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

At the end let me reiterate Slovenia's support for the mandate and work of the Special Representative.

Thank you!