



Statement by  
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Mr President,

Slovenia would like to thank both Special Representatives for their reports and presentations today. Particularly, we would like to welcome Ms Gamba, since this is her first interactive dialogue in this Council since her appointment.

Slovenia aligns itself with the EU statement and would like to ask a question in its national capacity to Special Representatives respectively.

Ms Santos Pais,

Almost a decade has passed since the establishment of the Office of the Special Representative on violence against children. What would you point out as the greatest achievement and what the greatest challenge in discharging your mandate?

Ms Gamba,

In your report you pointed out your plans (in accordance with the latest General Assembly's resolution on the rights of the child) to enhance synergies among actors at different levels to raise further the awareness on the six grave violation against children in armed conflict and exchange of experience in this regard. We would like to inquire if these plans include also setting up an inter-regional dialogue, similar to the dialogue the Special Representative on violence against children carries out?

At the end allow me to reiterate Slovenia's strong support for the tireless work of both Special Representatives and their respective mandates in general.

Thank you!