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Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children

Madam President,

The International Catholic Child Bureau and its partner organizations engaged in programs fighting violence against children would like to thank the SRSG for her annual report.

The *Global Status Report on Preventing Violence 2020* indicates that violence affects the lives of up to 1 billion children worldwide, with long-lasting consequences. As pointed out by the SRSG's report, the COVID-19 has exacerbated the situation:

1. Children in institutions have suffered more isolation and exclusion. We call on Georgia, Kazakhstan and Russia to speed up the deinstitutionalization process along with alternative solutions;
2. Virtual school as a solution to the lockdown shows that the lack of adequate equipment, including computer, internet connection and even electricity has marginalized children from rural and poor families;
3. Domestic violence as well as online violence have significantly increased. The situation is likely to worsen if recovery plans do not develop well-resourced programs to curb this drastic surge. We call on the SRSG to push States that have not done so to join the global partnership to end violence against children.

Question:

Which investments, strategies, best practices and concrete programs States can adopt and implement to recover better for the protection of children from violence?

Thank you Madam President.