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Item 10: Interactive Dialogue on High-Commissioner Oral Presentation on Ukraine

Madam President,

The International Catholic Child Bureau (BICE) and Women Consortium of Ukraine (WCC) would like to thank the High Commissioner for her oral update on Ukraine.

Our organizations congratulate Ukraine for the adoption in February 2021 of the Law no. 3055 aiming at harmonizing its domestic legislation with the Council of Europe Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention). The new legal framework criminalizes offenses like grooming, the storage and possession of child sexual abuse materials as well as conducting or participating in a spectacular sexual activity such as live performances by children, including on the digital environment. In addition, the new legislation introduces *inter alia* criminal liability of sex industry and tourism sector which could face the liquidation or the confiscation of money in accounts for illegal actions against children.

Yet, concrete measures are needed to translate this normative achievement in concrete actions. Therefore, our organizations call on Ukraine to:

- **Promptly adopt the implementation measures;**
- **Establish and equip interview rooms all over the country and train professionals on interview protocols;**
- **Introduce age-appropriate courses in schools' curricula on sexual abuse for early sensitization of children and train teachers and professionals working at the secondary education system on sexual education and, if necessary, associate outside specialists;**
- **Use Child online protection guidelines as well as Guidelines for Parents, Guardians and Educators on Child Online Protection developed by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU);**
- **Use practical guidance provide in the Committee on the Right of the Child General Comment n°25 on children's rights in relation to the digital environment;**
- **Join the Global Partnership on the elimination of violence against children as a pathfinding country to increase the protection of children against sexual violence and abuse.**

Thank you Madam President