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on violence against children and Special Representative of the Secretary General
for Children and Armed Conflict**

Statement

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the Special Representative of the Secretary General on children and armed conflict and thanks Ms. Gamba for the presented report.

Madam Special Representative,

Throughout the past years, decades we continue to witness how more and more armed conflicts get unfolded with indescribable rapidity, as we continue to turn blind eye and remain in an "non-action" mode with an indescribable passivity when it comes to effectively resolving the so-called predecessors of these conflicts - the protracted conflicts, which have erupted as long as more than a quarter of century period of time ago and which are still there, even if not high on the agenda of the international community.

And undoubtedly, it is the children who bear the greatest burden and sacrifice if not their lives, then their childhood due to irresponsible, thoughtless and inhuman deeds of the aggressors, as the result of the conflicts, reflected in the report, and of those conflicts which do not deserve the requisite attention, but however exist for quite a long period of time.

Madam Special Representative,

We welcome and commend the engagement you pursue with special procedures of the Human Rights Council and particularly with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons.

As the history vividly demonstrates, predominance of the double standards approach when it comes to not even action, but adequate reaction to each and every violation of the rights of the child does not lead to the disappearance, self-elimination or decrease of such violations, instead leads to the deeper aggravation and dissemination of such cases.

In this regard, referring to the part of the report reflecting the agreement reached to cooperate closely on the Special Rapporteur's upcoming report on children internally

displaced by armed conflict, my delegation stresses the urgent necessity and underlines the utmost importance of paying the overdue, but needed attention to the violations of the rights of the children who were forced to become IDPs and refugees at the beginning of conflict and are now themselves parents of new generation of IDPs and refugees, as the conflict remains unresolved.

Thank you.