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Legislation worldwide to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse

Amendments to the draft resolution submitted within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Russian Federation, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Arab Emirates

PREAMBULE

Preambular paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

(2) Recalling the universally accepted UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime, and the Council of Europe's widely recognized Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the "Lanzarote Convention"),

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(2) Recalling the universally accepted UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and the Council of Europe's widely recognized Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the "Lanzarote Convention"), as well as the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's Guidelines regarding the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography,

(Canada)

Divide preambular paragraph 2 into two separate paragraphs, to read as follows:

- (2) Recalling the universally accepted UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography,
- (2bis) Also recalling and the Council of Europe's widely recognized Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the "Lanzarote Convention"),

(Egypt)

Preambular paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

(3) Recalling in particular Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the protection of children from all forms of violence, injury, abuse, and neglect and exploitation, including sexual abuse,

(India)

New preambular paragraph 3 bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 3 to read as follows:

(3bis) Reaffirming that the general principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including the best interests of the child, non-discrimination, participation, survival and development, provide the framework for all actions concerning children,

(India)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 3 to read as follows:

(3bis) Recalling further the resolutions adopted by the UN General Assembly on 27 December 2019 (74/247) and on 26 May 2021 (75/282) on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes,

(Russian Federation)

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) Noting that **the sale, trafficking and** online child sexual exploitation and abuse is a growing and international concern that needs cross-border collaboration **and coordination**, and acknowledging the fight against it has to be a high-priority global initiative,

(South Africa)

New preambular paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 4 to read as follows:

(4bis) *Emphasizing* the way the COVID-19 pandemic has placed children at a high risk of online sexual exploitation and abuse,

(Indonesia)

Preambular paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

(5) Acknowledging the necessity of a multifaceted approach to effectively prevent and combatting online child sexual exploitation and abuse on all levels in order to protect children from such exploitation in the first place,

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(5) Acknowledging the necessity of combatting enline child sexual exploitation and abuse – online as well as offline – on all levels in order to protect children from such exploitation in the first place,

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

(6) Bearing in mind the lack of a sufficient legal framework, specifically legal provisions criminalizing all forms of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, budget, technical expertise and manpower in many States to effectively combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) Bearing in mind the lack of a sufficient legal framework, budget, technical expertise and manpower workforce in many States to effectively combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

(Canada)

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) Recognizing the importance of creating awareness about the preventive measures and harmful effects of on the topic of online child sexual exploitation and abuse in the eyes of the public, particularly parents, teachers, children, community leaders, legislatures, law enforcement agencies, and all other relevant policymakers,

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) Recognizing the importance of creating awareness on the topic of online child sexual exploitation and abuse in the eyes of the public, legislatures, law enforcement agencies and all other relevant policymakers **and stakeholders**.

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) Recognizing the importance of creating awareness on the topic of online child sexual exploitation and abuse in the eyes of the public, legislatures, law enforcement agencies and all other relevant policymakers **including educational institutions**,

(Indonesia)

New preambular paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 7 to read as follows:

(7bis) Considering that children's voices are in general little or badly considered, and that law enforcement agents and judges are still poorly or not at all informed about cases of online children's sexual exploitation and abuse,

(France)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Acknowledging the importance of providing scientifically accurate and ageappropriate comprehensive (sexual) education as a basis for prevention in any cultural milieu,
relevant within cultural contexts, to adolescent girls and boys and young women and men,
in and out of school, consistent with their evolving capacities, and with appropriate
direction and guidance from parents and legal guardians, with the best interests of the child
as their basic concern, as well as education on the role that increased digital capabilities play in
facilitating perpetrators of online child sexual exploitation and abuse,

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Acknowledging the importance of (sexual) education as a basis for prevention in any cultural milieu, as well as education on the role that increased digital capabilities play in facilitating perpetrators of online child sexual exploitation and abuse,

(Iran (Islamic Republic of))

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Acknowledging the importance of **age appropriate** (sexual) education as a basis for prevention in any cultural milieu, as well as education on the role that increased digital capabilities play in facilitating perpetrators of online child sexual exploitation and abuse,

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Acknowledging the importance of (sexual) **relevant** education **programmes and communication campaigns** as a basis for prevention in any cultural milieu, as well as education on the role that increased digital capabilities

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Acknowledging the importance of (sexual) education **and media literacy** as a basis for prevention in any cultural milieu, as well as education on the role that increased digital capabilities play in facilitating perpetrators of online child sexual exploitation and abuse,

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Acknowledging the importance of (sexual) education as a basis for prevention in any cultural milieu, as well as education on the role that increased digital capabilities play in **increasing the vulnerability of victims and** facilitating perpetrators of online child sexual exploitation and abuse,

(Canada)

New preambular paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8bis) Noting the repercussions of the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative effects, mainly the exceptional increase in the use of the internet especially by children within the context of distance education that led to an increase in the opportunities for the online exploitation of children,

(Egypt)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8bis) Recognizing the importance of information and communications technologies in children's lives as a new tool for learning, socialization, expression, inclusion of and fulfilment of the rights of the child and fundamental freedoms, such as the right to education and the right to freedom of expression,

(India)

New preambular paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 9 to read as follows:

(9bis) Considering that it often takes minors who are victims of sexual abuse, either directly or online, many years before they talk, if at all, about what they had gone through, and even longer before taking any legal steps,

(France)

Preambular paragraph 10

Replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 10 with the following:

(10) Mindful that, although girls seem to be the main victims of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, many boys are affected as well, Emphasizing its full awareness that sexual extortion is usually a major reason for the occurrence of many forms of sexual exploitation and abuse in general, and for children in particular, specialized awareness programmes must therefore be increased so as not to submit or respond to its perpetrators, while providing safe and confidential channels for due support to those who are subjected to it, and tougher penalties for its perpetrators,

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Mindful* that, although girls seem to be the main victims of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, many boys are affected as well **and must be approached differently in terms of prevention programmes and financing**,

(Belgium)

New preambular paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 11 to read as follows:

(11bis) Deeply concerned by risks of new and evolving forms of violence against children, particularly on child sexual abuse and exploitation, and by cyber-bullying, which are related to the use of information and communications technologies,

(India)

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) Noting that the fight against online child sexual exploitation and abuse is complicated by the **increased access to the internet**, fast-moving new technologies such as cryptocurrencies and Blockchain, **the number of online platforms and apps**, with their untraceable nature in the commercial sale of child exploitation materials, as well as anonymous features of social network platforms, which made it harder to target abusers,

(South Africa)

(12) Noting that the fight against online child sexual exploitation and abuse is complicated by the fast-moving new technologies such as cryptocurrencies and Blockchain, with their untraceable nature in the commercial sale of child exploitation materials, as well as anonymous features of social network platforms, which made it harder to target abusers, such activities must nevertheless be tracked, whilst the funds obtained from them must be confiscated, and heavy fines must be imposed on the perpetrators,

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) Noting that the fight against online child sexual exploitation and abuse is complicated by the fast-moving new technologies such as cryptocurrencies and Blockchain, with their untraceable nature in the commercial sale of child exploitation materials, as well as anonymous features of social network platforms, which **have** made it harder to target abusers,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) Noting that the fight against online child sexual exploitation and abuse is complicated by the fast-moving new technologies such as cryptocurrencies and Blockchain, with their untraceable nature in the commercial sale of child exploitation materials, as well as anonymous features of social network platforms, which made it harder to target abusers perpetrators,

(Germany)

Preambular paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) Stressing the importance of cross-sector, multi-disciplinary and international collaboration in the strategy to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse, and recognizing the existing work of organizations such as INTERPOL and the International Telecommunication Union.

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(13) Stressing the importance of cross-sector, multi-disciplinary and international collaboration in the strategy to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse,

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(13) Stressing the importance of cross-sector, multi-disciplinary and international collaboration in the strategy to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse, including through the mechanisms being developed by the UN Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes,

(Russian Federation)

OPERATIVE

New operative paragraph before operative paragraph 1

Add a new paragraph before operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

Urges those parliaments that have not yet done so to consider ratifying the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children,

(South Africa)

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to adopt specific, comprehensive and harmonized legal frameworks to introduce national online child sexual exploitation and abuse laws, considering the WeProtect Global Alliance's Model National Response as the guiding model for legislation;

(Cuba, Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to adopt specific, comprehensive and harmonized legal frameworks to introduce national online child sexual exploitation and abuse laws **accompanied with efforts to increase resources allocated to this work**, considering the WeProtect Global Alliance's Model National Response as the guiding model for legislation;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to adopt specific, comprehensive and harmonized legal frameworks to introduce national online child sexual exploitation and abuse laws, **and to diversify outreach approaches for the delivery of online child sexual exploitation prevention and education initiatives**, considering the WeProtect Global Alliance's Model National Response as **one of** the guiding models for legislation;

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to adopt specific, comprehensive and harmonized legal frameworks to introduce national online child sexual exploitation and abuse laws, considering the WeProtect Global Alliance's Model National Response as the guiding model for legislation **and to exchange among themselves good practices in this regard**;

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to adopt specific, comprehensive and harmonized legal frameworks to introduce national online child sexual exploitation and abuse laws, considering the WeProtect Global Alliance's Model National Response as the guiding model for legislation **while maintaining protection of freedom of expression**;

(Sweden)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to adopt specific, comprehensive and harmonized legal frameworks to introduce national online child sexual exploitation and abuse laws, considering the WeProtect Global Alliance's Model National Response as the guiding model for legislation; **also, such a legal**

framework should protect all children under the age of 18 regardless of a lower age of consent for sexual activity and stress that a child cannot be considered as able to consent to engage in online child sexual exploitation and abuse, and should also guarantee efforts to avoid re-traumatization and re-victimization of victims throughout the investigative and judicial proceedings;

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to adopt **appropriate**, specific, comprehensive and harmonized legal frameworks to introduce national online child sexual exploitation and abuse laws, considering, **when possible**, the WeProtect Global Alliance's Model National Response as the guiding model for legislation;

(Egypt)

New operative paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

1bis. Also urges parliaments to ensure that the national legal framework includes complete definitions and criminalization of all forms of online offences, sexual exploitation and abuse of children for financial gain, and of the production, possession, and distribution of child sexual abuse materials along with repeated access to websites containing such images; also, legislation must consider online sexual offences against children as an extraditable offence and must establish a legal basis for mutual legal assistance between States in respect of the investigation of online offences;

(South Africa)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

1bis. Also urges parliaments to promote media literacy for children, parents and guardians to build knowledge and competences in using media and thus provide protection to children and young people;

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. Also urges parliaments to ensure that cross-border cooperation **and coordination between law enforcement authorities** is established to prevent known perpetrators from committing abuse in other countries;

(South Africa)

2. Also urges parliaments to ensure that cross-border cooperation is established to prevent known perpetrators from committing abuse in other countries, **taking into account existing efforts involving INTERPOL**, the International Telecommunication Union and other international organizations;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

2. Also urges parliaments to ensure that cross-border cooperation is established to prevent known perpetrators from committing abuse in other countries and share lists with details of the convicts known to have committed this crime;

(Bahrain)

New operative paragraph 3bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

3bis. Insists on the accountability of companies in the digital industry in creating a safe online environment by adopting strengthened security measures to protect children and procedures on the notification and removal of illicit online content, failing which these companies must be made to contribute financially to the relevant national and international bodies:

(Belgium)

Operative paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

4. Emphasizes the importance of a strategic private sector commitment to cooperation with law enforcement agencies en including in the reporting, prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of online child sexual exploitation and abuse offenders, issues and of strengthening and equipping law enforcement agencies and the justice system to ensure a child-friendly system, including specialized training in the detection and investigation of crimes against children, as well as specialized treatment, care and interview of child victims;

(South Africa)

New operative paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 4 to read as follows:

4bis. *Urges* parliaments to ensure that technology companies commit to increase the transparency and accountability measures in the prevention, moderation, and reporting of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, including a safety by design approach;

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. Urges parliaments to develop thorough infrastructure to support victims of online child sexual exploitation and abuse in their physical and psychological recovery and social integration, ensuring a healthy and supportive reporting environment in their State, whilst also ensuring sufficient financial and human resources for, inter alia, educational programmes that are also accessible to children with disabilities, hotlines and victim helplines;

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

5. Urges parliaments to develop thorough infrastructure to support victims of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, **including trained medical professionals**, ensuring a healthy and supportive reporting environment in their State, whilst also ensuring sufficient financial and human resources for, inter alia, educational programmes, hotlines **for low-threshold reporting of suspected child sexual abuse material**, and victim helplines;

(Finland)

5. Urges parliaments to develop thorough infrastructure to support victims of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, ensuring a healthy and supportive reporting environment in their State, whilst also ensuring sufficient financial and human resources for, inter alia, educational programmes, hotlines and victim helplines, and avoiding the re-victimization of girls, boys and adolescents who have been victims of online sexual exploitation and abuse;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

5. Urges parliaments to develop thorough infrastructure to support victims of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, ensuring a healthy and supportive reporting environment in their State, whilst also ensuring sufficient financial and human resources for, inter alia, educational programmes, hotlines and victim helplines, including for combating and not submitting to sexual blackmail:

(Bahrain)

New operative paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

5bis. Also urges parliaments to lift, in their national laws, the statute of limitations in cases of sexual exploitation, abuse and crimes committed against minors or to considerably extend the limitations period;

(France)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. Calls upon the IPU to draft a model law for States, formalizing clear legislation combatting online child sexual exploitation and abuse, where children's rights, **education**, voices, needs and security should take centre stage;

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Calls upon* the IPU to draft a model law for States, formalizing clear legislation combatting online child sexual exploitation and abuse, where children's rights, voices, needs and security should take centre stage **and be to their best interest**;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

6. Calls upon the IPU to draft a model law for States, formalizing clear legislation combatting online child sexual exploitation and abuse, where children's rights, voices, needs and security should take centre stage in any proceeding that affects their wellbeing;

(South Africa)

New operative paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

6bis. Underlines the need to specifically and appropriately train the public order authorities and judges liable to gather testimonies of victims and deal with cases of online child sexual exploitation and abuse;

(France)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

6bis. Also calls on the IPU to prepare a parliamentary guide that sets out clear working mechanisms for parliaments and to discuss legislation on combating online exploitation and sexual abuse of children; moreover, the guide shall include oversight tools to monitor public policies on the protection of children and include specific mechanisms of action that are compatible with parliaments in different regions of the world;

(United Arab Emirates)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. Recognizes the active role of men as strategic partners and allies in changing norms and practices that motivate all forms of gender-based violence, including online child sexual exploitation and abuse

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

7. Recognizes the active role of men **and boys** as strategic partners and allies in changing norms and practices that motivate all forms of gender-based violence, including online child sexual exploitation and abuse;

(South Africa)

New operative paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 7 to read as follows:

7bis. Requests parliaments to undertake to promote, by all means necessary, the need for professionals surrounding children to identify the violence committed against children and to mobilize these professionals to this effect, namely by providing training to detect such violence and by making available resources for and advice on the transmission and reporting of such alarming information;

(France)

New operative paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 8 to read as follows:

8bis. Acknowledges that online child sexual exploitation and abuse is rooted in larger social and cultural problems (such as sexism and misogyny) and that measures to combat it should reflect the higher risk girls face of experiencing such exploitation and abuse, their increased exposure to such experiences, as well as the consequences they face with regard to damaged self-esteem and depression;

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Underlines* the importance of the role of poverty in online child sexual exploitation and abuse and emphasizes the importance of the economic empowerment of women;

(Switzerland)

9. Underlines the importance of the role of poverty, **inequitable socio-economic** structures, lack of education, gender discrimination, harmful traditional practices in online child sexual exploitation and abuse and emphasizes the importance of the economic empowerment of women;

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

9. Underlines the importance of the role of poverty in online child sexual exploitation and abuse and emphasizes the importance of the economic empowerment of women; and therefore calls for intensifying the international community's efforts to combat poverty as an important entry point to combating such crimes;

(Bahrain)

New operative paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 9 to read as follows:

9bis. Calls on governments to impose more severe maximum penalties on the promoters of online exploitation and sexual abuse of children and treat such abuse in global societies as first-degree crimes as they are considered a threat to international peace and security;

(United Arab Emirates)

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. Calls upon parliaments to legislate for social media networks to increase their efforts be obliged to detect and delete online child sexual exploitation and abuse content immediately and to punish non-compliance with this obligation;

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

10. Calls upon parliaments to legislate for social media networks to increase their efforts companies in the digital industry to be obliged to detect and delete online child sexual exploitation and abuse content immediately;

(Belgium)

Amend to read as follows:

10. Calls upon parliaments to legislate for social media networks to increase their efforts to detect and delete online child sexual exploitation and abuse content immediately and to motivate these platforms to develop programmes and mechanisms to automatically identify, directly remove and report any harmful content related to child sexual exploitation and abuse;

(Bahrain)

New operative paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

10bis. Also calls on parliaments, law enforcement agencies, internet service providers and internet infrastructure officials, including the Internet Governance Forum, to unite together and work to establish a specific and effective mechanism that combats all malicious activities that are practiced through the dark web, especially online gaming sites on this network which has become fertile ground for perpetrators of sexual exploitation of children to hunt their victims;

(Bahrain)

Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. Emphasizes the need of sustained education focusing on digital culture change amongst youth to relevant inform policy makers, law enforcement agencies, and the public of the change in the youth digital culture;

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

11. Emphasizes the need of sustained education focusing on digital culture change amongst youth to relevant policy makers, law enforcement agencies, education sector and staff working with children and youth, and the public, including both children and their parents;

(Finland)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Emphasizes* the need of sustained education focusing on digital culture change amongst youth to relevant policy makers, law enforcement agencies, **educational institutions**, and the public;

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Emphasizes* the need of **for** sustained education focusing on digital culture change amongst youth to relevant policy makers, law enforcement agencies, and the public;

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 12

Delete operative paragraph 12:

12. Calls upon parliaments to facilitate automated detection methods, bearing in mind Article 16 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the right to privacy;

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

12. Calls upon parliaments to facilitate automated detection methods **while ensuring respect for personal integrity**, bearing in mind Article 16 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the right to privacy;

(Sweden)

12. Calls upon parliaments to facilitate automated detection methods, bearing in mind Article 16 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the right to privacy, and also Article 17 of the International Covenant on the Civil and Political Rights, which provides for the right to privacy and family;

(India)

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Invites* the IPU to schedule periodic meetings and workshops with the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children **and with other stakeholders and global activists in the fight against this phenomenon**, emphasizing global initiatives for preventing and tackling the problem.

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

13. Invites the IPU to schedule periodic meetings and workshops with the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, emphasizing global initiatives for preventing and tackling the problem, and also invites parliaments to exchange, through IPU activities, information regarding good practices and successful experiences in combating online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Invites* the IPU to schedule periodic meetings and workshops with the UN Special Rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and any other child sexual abuse material emphasizing global initiatives for preventing and tackling the problem.

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

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(France)

New operative paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 13 to read as follows:

13bis. Calls upon parliaments to respect the responsibilities, rights and duties of parents or, where applicable, the members of the extended family or community as provided for by local custom, legal guardians or other persons legally responsible for the child, to provide, in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child, appropriate direction and guidance in the exercise by the child of the rights recognized in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

(Russian Federation)