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Agenda item 3

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development****Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 22 June 2020****43/22. Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation
of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other
child sexual abuse material***The Human Rights Council,*

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 7/13 of 27 March 2008 and 34/16 of 24 March 2017, and all relevant resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights, in particular Commission resolution 1990/68 of 7 March 1990, and Economic and Social Council decision 2004/285 of 22 July 2004,

Emphasizing that the Convention on the Rights of the Child constitutes the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, bearing in mind the importance of the Optional Protocols to the Convention, and calling for their universal ratification and effective implementation,

Deeply concerned about the persistence of the sale and the sexual exploitation and abuse of children,

Recognizing the scale, complexity and enormous individual and societal harm of all forms of sale and sexual exploitation and abuse of children, including online,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on the institution-building of the Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate holder shall discharge his or her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

1. *Welcomes* the work and contributions of the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material;

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, in accordance with Human Rights Council resolutions 7/13 and 34/16, for a further period of three years;



3. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to support States in developing legal and policy frameworks and child protection strategies in a child- and gender-responsive and child-friendly manner to effectively prevent and eradicate new and emerging forms of online sale and sexual exploitation and abuse of children, in accordance with international human rights law;

4. *Also requests* the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually on the implementation of the mandate to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, in accordance with their respective programmes of work, making suggestions and recommendations on the prevention of the sale and sexual exploitation and abuse of children and on the rehabilitation, recovery and reintegration of child victims and survivors, in a gender-responsive and child rights-based manner;

5. *Requests* all States to cooperate fully with and to assist the Special Rapporteur in the performance of his or her tasks, to provide all necessary information requested by him or her and to consider favourably his or her requests for visits and for implementing his or her recommendations;

6. *Encourages* the Special Rapporteur to continue to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the assistance necessary to the Special Rapporteur to fulfil the mandate, in particular by placing adequate human and material resources at his or her disposal;

8. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question in accordance with its programme of work.

*45th meeting
22 June 2020*

[Adopted without a vote.]
