

Talking Points and Questions by Chile

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Chile acknowledges the tireless work of Ms. Leila Zerrougui and her team as well as that of the System and civil society at large in supporting her mandate.

We wish to thank the panelists.

We are grateful to Ilwad and value her commitment to this agenda, including the special needs of girls. We recall her support as briefer in the first open debate of the Security Council on the protection of girls, under the Chilean presidency of the Council in 2015.

Our views have already been reflected by the Chairs of the Human Security Network and the Group of Friends of CAAC of which we are members, so we would like to highlight some crosscutting priorities addressed by the panelists and pose some questions on the matter.

We commend the efforts undertaken regarding the assistance to Member States in the security sector reforms and the inclusion of child protection units as core instruments for prevention, demobilization and rehabilitation.

Q: Could you share best practices of DPKO on this regard and recent statistics on the incorporation of child protection units in the security sector reforms?

Further, we have strongly advocated for child protection advisers in UN missions as fundamental partners in the implementation of the mandate.

Q: How many missions include child protection advisers in their mandate and what has been their interaction with the Office of the SRSG?

Chile supports the Safe Schools Declaration and the protection of schools and hospitals from attacks as important instruments in prevention efforts.

Q: We would like to ask the panelists to share their views of ways to improve the response of the mandate and the System at large regarding this grave violation.