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Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education
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Thank you, Mr. President

To promote the Right to Education is at the center of our commitment of VIDES International, working together IIMA.

Education is a fundamental human right for all without any discrimination. Yet, millions of children and even adults are still left behind deprived of educational opportunities due to social, cultural and economic factors.

Education is one of the most powerful and indispensable tools to archive the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

However, “*Education is also a matter of heart*” as Don Bosco, the educator of youth said, Education needs not only financial resources, methods and well-equipped facilities. Quality Education first and foremost needs quality, passionate and committed educators who enhance the child’s human dignity, widen their world view, and help them promote the culture of solidarity and of peace.

Therefore, we recommend the following :

- Step up to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child on a Communications procedure ;
- Ensure an environment which offers inclusive, equitable and quality education with lifelong learning perspective ;
- Integrate Human Rights Education into the curriculum of government schools ;
- Ensure universal, equal and free access to primary and secondary schools ;
- Empower and train educators, parents and relevant partners to promote quality education system.

I thank you, Mr. President