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Thank you, Mister President.

IIMA and VIDES International welcome the report of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education. Indeed, the human rights obligations of States to provide free, inclusive and quality public education is vital to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 4.

To this end, we affirm that public-private partnerships in education is all the more necessary. We commend States continued partnership with non-profit and faith-based private educational institutions to guarantee quality education for all.

However, IIMA and VIDES, are concerned with the commercialization of education which results in the exclusion of the vulnerable groups.

To “leave no child behind” in the field of education, **IIMA and VIDES recommend that States:**

- 1. Utilize the Abidjan Guiding Principles as a standard to draft national policies on education;**
- 2. Allocate a special funding for public education that is free, inclusive, of quality standard, and comply with all the procedural and operative requirements according to human rights law;**
- 3. Collaborate with private institutions and providers of education in designing and monitoring policies to achieve quality education, accountability and transparency.**

Thank you.