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Annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming
(Thirty years of implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child:
challenges and opportunities)

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Madam President,

On behalf of OIC, I thank the panelists for their practical suggestions for strengthening coordination and collaboration to increase general understanding of children's rights and for mainstreaming them in the work of United Nations system.

The OIC Member States reaffirm their commitment to promote and implement the rights of the child and reiterate that the teachings of Islam urge due care of children and grant them full rights. They also require that all children, girls and boys alike, have the right to live in dignity and thrive to reach their full potential¹.

We also emphasize that parents and primary caregivers play a crucial role in ensuring children's physical and emotional security and healthy upbringing and consider that the family environment has a strong impact on the cognitive and social development of the child².

To demonstrate this commitment into action the OIC adopted the Legal Framework for the Establishment of ISESCO Forum for Children of the Islamic World to raise the awareness of children about the values of dialogue, solidarity, democracy and citizenship and about the necessity of their involvement in discussing their issues and promoting their rights and situation³.

We consider that it is essential to devise and implement integrated national strategies and plans for combating social scourges and phenomena, which undermine our common efforts devoted to early childhood development, such as poverty, environmental degradation, diseases, epidemics and family illiteracy.⁴

Madam President,

We request the panelists to also brief us about the importance of full involvement of parents, relevant civil society organs and other stakeholders in developing strategies to protect the rights of the child and linkage of such strategies with the achievement of SDGs⁵.

I thank you.

¹Para-2 of Tripoli Declaration on Accelerating Early Childhood Development in the Islamic World

²OP-4 of Resolution on "Accelerating Early Childhood Development in the Islamic World" adopted at the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, held in Tripoli, 10-11 February 2011

³OP-1 of Resolution on Draft Legal Framework for the Establishment of ISESCO Forum for Children of the Islamic World, adopted at Third Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, Tripoli, February 2011

⁴OP-10 of Resolution on "Accelerating Early Childhood Development in the Islamic World" adopted at the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, Tripoli, February 2011,

⁵Para-3 of the Resolution on the "Laws on the Protection of Child Rights and their Enforcement Mechanisms in the Islamic World" adopted at the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, Tripoli, February 2011,