



Committee on the Rights of the Child

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Improving Regulations for Contents of Minors on Social Media Platforms to Protect Them from Exploitation

The Committee on the Rights of the Child,

Emphasizing the shared responsibility of governments, social media companies, guardians and educators in ensuring children's online safety,

Deeply concerned about the mental and physical health of minors,

Guided by the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,

Recognizing the rapid growth of social media platforms and the increasing participation of minors in content creation,

1. **Encourages** equally protective surveillance mechanisms considering individual challenges;
2. **Calls upon** member states to strengthen national legislation protecting children from online exploitation and abuse by regulating social media platforms by:
 - (a) prohibiting the publication of content containing minors, without them being able to give consent,
 - (b) urging platforms to inform users about the consequences of publishing information about their children online;
3. **Asks** the UN that no state, regardless of size or economic capacity, is left without access to baseline legal frameworks, enforcement tools, and victim support services for child online safety to ensure that the strengthening of national legislation to regulate social media platforms is successful;
4. **Calls upon** member states to provide financial and technical assistance to countries seeking to strengthen child protection measures on social media platforms mandating the immediate transfer of advanced AI content-moderation technology from the Global North to developing nations free of charge, recognizing that countries hosting these technology monopolies hold sole moral and financial responsibility for the global exploitation they facilitate;
5. **Further requests** the UN and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to create a dedicated Technical Assistance Fund for developing countries including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) providing support for writing laws, training police and other law enforcement officers;

6. **Recommends** the removal of images, videos, and personal information of minors from public platforms when:
 - (a) the child expresses discomfort with the published content,
 - (b) the child did not provide appropriate consent,
 - (c) there is no longer a legitimate reason for the content to remain publicly accessible;
7. **Encourages** Member States to grant children the right to request removal, archival restriction, or de-indexing of content that features them as minors, provided that:
 - (a) there is a written request,
 - (b) the content does not constitute evidence in a criminal, civil, or child-protection proceeding;
8. **Recommends** regulating any form of social media for minors in order to minimize child abuse on social platforms by:
 - (a) mandatory reporting procedures for suspected cases of child abuse or exploitation identified on social media platforms,
 - (b) implementing Algorithms that control what Content is posted from Minors;
9. Proposes member States to establish a protected trust account for children featured in monetized content, where a portion of the income earned from their participation is deposited and becomes accessible only when the child reaches the age of majority, whereby
 - (a) such funds shall be inaccessible to the parent or guardian for personal use,
 - (b) such funds shall be released only to the child upon reaching 18 years of age or the age of majority under domestic law;
10. **Urges** member States with limited cybersecurity such as SIDS to develop an educational and national cybersecurity framework to:
 - (a) protect minors and elderly from cyber threats and bullying to ensure the security of their digital data,
 - (b) improve knowledge and awareness about cybersecurity;
11. **Encourages** to integrate child online safety education into the national school curriculum, recognizing digital literacy as a primary safeguard against exploitation, by:
 - (a) developing age-appropriate education modules on safe social media use and data privacy rights,
 - (b) training teachers in digital safety pedagogy with the support of special agencies like UNICEF,
 - (c) supporting the creation of online safety training programs for parents and educators,
 - (d) supporting international cooperation among law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute offenders operating across borders,
 - (e) strengthen the UN-coordinated Task Force with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and national cybercrime units for cross-border prosecution of offenders;
12. **Further** recommends educational campaigns aimed at parents, guardians, teachers, and children to raise awareness about:
 - (a) the risks of sharenting,
 - (b) online grooming and harassment,
 - (c) lack of safety,
 - (d) the long-term impact of a child's digital footprint,
13. **Calls for** the implementation of consent-based policies governing the publication of images and media involving minors by:
 - (a) schools,

- (b) sports clubs,
- (c) organizations,
- (d) other institutions working with children;

14. **Urges** social media platforms to introduce stronger regulations for content involving minors, including:

- (a) clear labelling of monetized content featuring children,
- (b) stricter reporting systems for AI-generated content of children put into sexual context,
- (c) faster removal procedures for the misuse of child-related content,
- (d) stronger privacy settings by default for accounts regularly featuring minors.

Vote result	Adopted
	<i>In favour:</i> 24
	<i>Against:</i> 11
	<i>Abstentions:</i> Unknown
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