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ORAL STATEMENT BY DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL (DCI)

Thank you Mr President,

Defence for Children International (DCI), as part of the NGO Panel for the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, would like to thank the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for their considerable work, particularly in promoting the rule of law and international cooperation.

In this regard, DCI welcomes the continued support received from member states, agencies and experts of the United Nations, and civil society organizations to the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, which has now been formally requested by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 69/157 in December last year.

A Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty will comprehensively and scientifically analyze the status of the situation of children deprived of liberty worldwide, including but not only criminal detention, and will consider preventative and non-custodial measures which prove beneficial to both the child and society at large.

The Global Study will be an important means of change, a means to systematically tackle the issue of detention of children, aiming to improve policies and strategies and promote preventive and non-custodial measures.

The Study will follow a coordinated and comprehensive approach to better ensure the human rights of the child deprived of liberty, and we therefore look forward to collaborating with member states, UN agencies, civil society and children themselves in the realization of this important and sorely needed Study.

Thank you.