



**Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States
by Ms. Simona Popan, Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union to the United
Nations**

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Thank you, Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries North Macedonia , Albania , Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina , the potential candidate country Georgia, and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

Mr./Madam Chair,

prevent and combat gender-based violence and to support victims of such crimes.

We believe that the scope of draft Article 12 could be more ambitious and could include a separate provision on the rights of the child.

Victims have the right to obtain reparation for damages. This includes both material and moral damages (paragraph 3 of draft Article 12), which we welcome

We also welcome the fact that, as explained in the commentaries, the rights set forth in draft Article 12 should not be read as excluding the existence of other rights for victims, witnesses or others under international or national law, such as the right to information or the right to truth.

I thank you.