**Joint Statement on Prevention**

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**Item 3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,**

**political, economic, social and cultural rights,**

**including the right to development**

**General debate**

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**Madam President,**

I have the honour to deliver the Joint Statement on behalf of the core group of co-sponsoring states of the resolution “The role of prevention in promotion and protection of human rights” namely Australia, Hungary, Morocco, Maldives, Poland, Uruguay and my own country Ukraine.

Resolution 42/6 “The role of prevention in promotion and protection of human rights” envisaged the preparation of a study on the contribution of special procedures in assisting States and other stakeholders in the prevention of human rights violations and abuses which was to be presented at the current 45th session of the Council.

Fully recognizing the challenges that the OHCHR faced due to pandemic COVID-19 and the UN liquidity crisis, we noted the OHCHR’s notification on extension of reporting period date and reapproval of PBI for 2021 and anticipate the preparation by the OHCHR of the relevant report by HRC48.

Our States maintain that it is highly advisable to encourage interaction between the UN bodies in order to strengthen their role in the prevention of human rights violations.

We are convinced of the need for joint efforts to further improve the implementation of the Human Rights Council’s prevention mandate as set forth in the General Assembly resolution 60/251.

Given the comprehensive nature of prevention, we are looking forward to further cooperation on the matter of strengthening HRC’s prevention capacity in order to increase its efficiency and credibility. Towards this end, we believe that joint efforts of all UN Member States in this regard should aim at ensuring the consensus within the Council.

**I thank you**.