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Joint Statement of the Group of Friends of the Mandate (Argentina, Austria, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Maldives, Morocco, Peru, Switzerland, Uruguay)

Mr. Vice-President,

I have the pleasure of reading this statement on behalf of the Group of Friends of the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur for the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence. We welcome this opportunity to interact with the Special Rapporteur.

During this current session, the Human Rights Council will decide upon the renewal of this Mandate. Addressing the legacy of violence is critical for any society to come to terms with its past and pave the way for reconciliation and sustainable peace. The Mandate of the Special Rapporteur is an important contribution towards these efforts and usefully complements national, regional and international initiatives in the field. We call upon all members of the Human Rights Council to support its renewal.

Mister Special Rapporteur,

As you indicate in your report, you have requested and planned a number of country visits. While further delays are expected, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, **could you share your thoughts on how you expect to interact with Member States, including by virtual means?**

Mister Special Rapporteur,

Utilizing synergies with all relevant mechanisms of the Human Rights Council, to the biggest extent possible, can further contribute to the success of your mandate.

Could you share your appreciation of these interactions so far and share your expectations for the coming mandate period?

Thank you.