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A world fit for children

Note by the Secretariat

1. At the special session of the General Assembly on children, held in 2002, delegations from 190 countries adopted the Declaration and Plan of Action entitled “A world fit for children” (Assembly resolution [S-27/2](#), annex), in which Governments made a commitment to a set of specific, time-bound and measurable goals and targets for children and young people, with a particular focus on: (a) promoting healthy lives; (b) providing good-quality education; (c) protecting children against abuse, exploitation and violence; and (d) combating HIV and AIDS.
2. The report of the Secretary-General on a world fit for children is a follow-up to the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on children and had been submitted on an annual basis to the Third Committee of the General Assembly until 2020. The Assembly, in its resolution [76/147](#), requested the Secretary-General to submit the report on a biennial basis to both the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, focusing on children and the Sustainable Development Goals, in the light of the synergies between the realization of children’s rights and the successful implementation of the Goals.
3. This is the first time that the report is mandated to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council in addition to the General Assembly and that it is drafted in the new biennial reporting cycle. As this is a new process, the report will not be ready on time for submission to the Council at its 2022 session. It will however be submitted on time to the Assembly for its consideration at its seventy-seventh session.

