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SUMMARY OF THE CHILD PROTECTION IN CYBERSPACE (CPC) GLOBAL SUMMIT



SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CPC GLOBAL SUMMIT HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE

The Child Protection in Cyberspace (CPC) Global Summit Roundtable opened with remarks by representatives of the Summit partners: Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Sheema Sen Gupta, Director of Child Protection at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), His Excellency Majed bin Mohammed Al-Mazyed, Governor of the National Cybersecurity Authority of Saudi Arabia, representing the Global Cybersecurity Forum (GCF) Board of Trustees, Dr. Yuhyun Park, Founder and CEO of DQ Institute, and Iain Drennan, Executive Director of WeProtect Global Alliance.

It led into a high-level session, "Advancing Collective Action for Child Protection in Cyberspace," where discussions centered on the four Summit objectives, exploring key questions and challenges facing the global community in preventing harm and achieving greater protection for all children in Cyberspace.

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SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

- Consolidating global efforts and advancing collective action
- Enhancing the global response to pressing challenges
- Mitigating emerging threats facing children in Cyberspace
- Ensuring that CPC resonates with the agenda of global decision makers

Participants emphasized the importance of the Child Protection in Cyberspace (CPC) initiative that was instated in 2020 by H.R.H. Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as its strategic targets.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A number of recommendations for collective action on child cyber safety were highlighted by participants of the CPC Global Summit Roundtable.



Integrate Child Protection into Development Goals: Make child safety a core element of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) goals and integrate it into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a target to reduce risks to children in Cyberspace to zero by 2030.



Enhance Public-Private Partnerships: Foster collaboration between the public and private sectors, emphasizing the importance of cross-sector cooperation and national coordination for effective child protection.



Leverage Technology: Utilize artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning to detect and prevent online crimes and ensure transparency from tech companies regarding their responsibilities in protecting children.



Empower Parents and Educators: Provide parents with the knowledge and tools needed to guide their children in the online environment, while ensuring children have safe, age-appropriate access to technology.



Update Legislation and Policies: Revise and create updated legislation to address emerging threats, ensuring child protection remains central in policy discussions.



Establish Global Standards: Work towards creating global standards to combat threats, such as deep fakes and AI-generated content, and encourage consistent practices across platforms for detecting and reporting harmful content.



Develop Context-Specific Solutions: Recognize that each country faces unique challenges and approach child protection with tailored, context-specific solutions while respecting children's rights.



Incentivize Proactive Measures: Shift from reactive responses to proactive strategies by incentivizing companies to adopt forward-thinking approaches to child protection and prepare for future threats.



Promote Age-Appropriate Technology Use: Encourage initiatives that promote age-appropriate access to technology and foster resilience among children to navigate future challenges effectively.



Engage Stakeholders in Collective Action: Leverage existing momentum to unite all stakeholders around child protection, encouraging collaboration and shared responsibility.



Focus on Mental Health and Accountability: Address the increasing mental health issues in children related to online activities and hold social media companies accountable to their own standards, especially concerning age restrictions.



Leverage Existing Efforts: Leverage the momentum of existing frameworks, such as the United Nations convention against cybercrime, the Global Digital Compact, and the outcomes of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event to strengthen international cooperation and facilitate evidence-sharing to combat crimes committed using information and communications technology.

The participants reaffirmed their commitment to advancing Child Online Protection by consolidating actions, enhancing responses, addressing emerging threats, and ensuring that it is prioritized within global agendas. They called upon all stakeholders to join their efforts in this essential endeavor to protect the next generation in Cyberspace and suggested the Global Summit to be held every two years to monitor and assess progress.

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