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**Comment to Draft General Comment No. 25 (202x)**

**Children’s rights in relation to the digital environment**

The national organization Pro Juventute is committed to the Rights of the Child. We advocate the safe and competent use of digital media by children and young people. To this goal, we support children, parents and caregivers. We warmly welcome that the Committee of the Rights of the Child declares how children should be treated in the digital world.

We have two supplementary proposals, which are listed below.

**Paragraph 16**

In addition to risks and threats, this also involves **mechanisms** that influence or manipulate displayed content or (online) behaviour. Examples are:

* Algorithms
* Personalisation (e.g. of search results)
* Smart Technologies
* Artificial Intelligence
* Addictive incentives
* Incentives to spend money
* Incentives to stay online longer

States should integrate new scientific knowledge on the mechanisms, content, contact and behavioural risks or threats mentioned as well as support long-term studies.

**Paragraph 27**

States should ensure the operation of effective child online protection and safeguarding policies in settings where children access the digital environment, including pre-schools, schools, cybercafés, youth centres, alternative care settings and institutions where children live **or spend their free time**.