The family, the natural and fundamental group unit of society, is grounded in the unique role and primary responsibility of parents. When mothers and fathers nurture and protect their children, the benefits for children and society are undeniable. For this reason and others, parents and the social significance of parenting deserve a special recognition during the Global Day of Parents (UNGA/RES/66/292).

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