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to the Commission**

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Subject: Rights and safety of minors online

The Internet offers children and young people many valuable tools, allowing them to express themselves and state their opinions, access information and understand and demand their rights, and represents an excellent means of communication, offering opportunities to connect with the world and to develop as an individual. However, as we pointed out in a resolution approved by the European Parliament in 2012, the online environment and social media sources pose substantial potential risks to the privacy and dignity of children, who are among its most vulnerable users. We therefore called on the Commission to enhance existing internal mechanisms in order to ensure a consistent and coordinated approach to protecting the rights of minors in the digital world and to child safety online.

What measures has the Commission taken to ensure the rights and safety of minors in the digital sphere?