**Lucy Nethsingha (Renew).** – Madam President, I’m delighted that we are here celebrating the 30th anniversary of this Convention. I’m also delighted that the Commission and the Council have recognised the particular vulnerability of some groups of children, particularly those caught up in conflict, migrant children, Roma children and those with disabilities.

We have a duty to ensure we do all we can to ensure that there are stable and usable routes for migrant and refugee children to be reunited with safe family members, in safe countries. And all Member States must recognise their responsibility to assist with protecting these especially vulnerable children. We also have a responsibility in this Parliament to take seriously the rights of children to be heard and at this time, there are children across the world who are raising their voices to be heard by politicians and policy-makers.

The climate strikes, led by Greta Thunberg and involving millions of children, are the clearest example of children uniting to make their voices heard, and they are right. The challenges of climate change will have a huge impact on our children, and we in this Parliament have a duty to listen and to respond to their concerns, to do everything possible to ensure that they are not the generation who inherit a depleted and declining world.

Finally, I want to touch on our obligation to protect children in the digital age. There are some very clear areas where the Internet and digital world put children at particular risk; issues of sexual exploitation being an obvious example. Protecting our children should include ensuring they have accurate and reliable information on many topics.