

Final Recommendations for Children from the Child-focused Agencies and the SRSG on Violence Against Children

Preamble

People: We want to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential. We want to end poverty in all its forms and dimensions; end hunger and malnutrition; achieve food security; promote human dignity; combat inequalities in and between countries; achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; ensure quality education, **the protection of children**, water, sanitation and hygiene, and a healthy life for all; ensure equal access to natural resources, a healthy environment and well-being for all; and secure the participation of all people and groups, including children, persons with disabilities, migrants and indigenous peoples, in the realization of the Goals and targets.

Para 9: We envisage a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination; of respect for race, ethnicity and cultural diversity; and of equal opportunity permitting the full realization of human potential and contributing to shared prosperity. A world which ~~invests in~~ **cherishes all its children** and **protects their rights** and in which every woman **and man, every girl and boy**, enjoys full gender equality and all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed. A world in which every child grows up free from violence and exploitation. A just, equitable, tolerant, open and socially inclusive world in which the needs of the most vulnerable are met.

Para 21: We affirm the recommended language. It is our understanding that some Member States would like to prioritize girls, we agree. However, we will never end the cycle of violence if we do not include both girls and boys. If an alternative to the existing paragraph is necessary, we suggest the following textual edits:

All forms of gender based discrimination and violence against women and children, **both girls and boys**, will be eliminated, including through the engagement of men and boys

Para 53: What we are announcing today – an Agenda for global action for the next fifteen years – is a charter for people and planet in the twenty-first century. Children and young women and men **are critical agents for change** and will find in the new Goals a platform **recognizes their rights, enabling them** ~~to enable them to become positive agents for change and~~ to channel their infinite capacities for activism into the creation of a better world. **The ability to do this will depend on investments in their rights and well-being, ensuring that no child is left behind.**

Para 72: We will support developing countries, particularly African countries, LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs, in strengthening the capacity of national statistical offices and data systems to ensure access to high-quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated data. We will promote transparent and accountable scaling-up of appropriate public-private cooperation to exploit the contribution to be made by a wide range of data, including geo-spatial information, **real-time monitoring initiatives and participatory people-led feedback mechanism**, while ensuring national ownership in supporting and tracking progress.

