

Suggested amendments to the “Introduction and Proposed Goals and Targets on Sustainable Development for the Post-2015 Development Agenda”

As child-focused agencies, we welcome the ‘zero draft’ dated June 30th of the Open Working Group’s proposed goals and targets on sustainable development. We congratulate the Co-Chairs and Member States for their efforts and proposal, and we very much welcome the recognition of the prevention of violence against children as a priority to achieving sustainable development.

We continue to be concerned about the extent of violence against children across the world and we respectfully suggest the following amendments to the proposed goals and targets. We believe that these amendments will contribute significantly to increasing the safety, care and protection of millions of vulnerable children.

Paragraph 11 of the **Chapeau** should be expanded to include the full text of paragraph 11 from the Future We Want Rio+20. This will incorporate the essential wording ‘**and the protection, survival and development of children to their full potential, including through education.**’

Proposed goal 1. End poverty everywhere

- 1.3. by 2030, **fully** implement **universal**, nationally appropriate social protection measures including floors, with a focus on coverage of the poor, **children, the most marginalized** and people in vulnerable situations.

Proposed goal 4. Provide quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all

- 4.a and ensure safe, **free from all forms of violence**, inclusive and effective learning environments for all.

Proposed goal 5. Attain gender equality, empower women and girls everywhere

- 5.2. eliminate all forms of violence against all women, ~~and~~ girls **and boys** in public and private spaces and end their trafficking and sexual exploitation
- 5.3. eliminate all harmful practices **against girls and boys**, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

Proposed goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

- 8.5 take immediate and effective measures to secure the elimination of the worst forms of child labour, and by **2030** end child labour in all its forms

Proposed goal 16. Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, access to justice for all, and effective and capable institutions

- 16.1 by 2030 reduce levels of violence and halve related death **and violent injury** rates everywhere
- 16.2 end abuse, **neglect**, exploitation, and violence against children everywhere **in all settings**
- 16.6 by 2020 provide legal identity for all, including free birth registrations.

Finally, we continue to call for a target to strengthen child protection systems, and ask Member States to re-consider the following language:

By 2020 build necessary capacities of **national**, sub-national and local governments for fostering **nonviolent**, peaceful and inclusive societies, **including by strengthening child protection systems.**