

Con el apoyo de:

The participation of children and adolescents and the eradication of violence against childhood and adolescence

Towards compliance with SDG 16.2 and related targets

May 30, 2018 - Asunción, Paraguay

THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE ORGANIZERS AND SPEAKER INSTITUTIONS of the International Seminar "Participation of children and adolescents in the eradication of violence against girls, boys and adolescents";

In the framework of the accomplishment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), target 16.2 and related, which aim to eliminate all forms of violence against girls, boys and adolescents;

RECOGNIZING the possibility of accelerating the compliance of the SDG 16.2 and related at the level of the Latin American and Caribbean region, based on the seven strategies to end violence against children, integrated under the INSPIRE strategies;

CONSIDERING that the need for SDG 16.7 "ensures expeditious, inclusive, participatory and representative decisions at all levels", of girls, boys and adolescents to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, especially in those decisions that most directly affect them;

AWARE of the pertinence of extending the practice of accountability of public organizations and civil society to girls, boys and adolescents in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals 16.2 and related, with the leading participation of children and adolescents;

RECOGNIZING that the policies, strategies, programs, methodologies and tools developed for the organizations signatories of this declaration, are adequate for the acceleration in the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals that affect girls, boys and adolescents;

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CONSIDERING the opportunity that represent for the Latin American and Caribbean region to have successful experiences in the area of child participation in the eradication of violence against children and adolescents;

AWARE of the status of a pioneer country of Paraguay, acquired with the first group of countries worldwide, of the Global Partnership Initiative for the eradication of violence against children, and the interest of countries in acquiring a similar status;

RECOGNIZING the experience of the public and civil society sectors in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, in the eradication of violence against girls, boys and adolescents and in the participation of children and adolescents;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that, there are already 10 countries in the region, which have legislation that expressly prohibits corporal punishment and cruel and degrading treatment of children and adolescents without exception;

CONSIDERING the opportunity for the Latin American and Caribbean region to lead a global effort to reach the achievement of SDG 16.2 and related, specifically with the protagonist participation of children and adolescents;

CONSCIOUS of the need to promote the installation of a regional network for Latin America and the Caribbean that promotes and unites wills, efforts, experiences and resources for the fulfillment of the SDG 16.2 and related, with the protagonist participation of girls, boys and adolescents ;

DECLARE:

1. The willingness to promote in government and civil society institutions at national, regional and global levels, the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals 16.2 and related, with the leading participation of girls, boys and adolescents.
2. The interest in promoting, jointly between the Government and Civil Society, a process for the creation of a regional network for Latin America and the Caribbean to eradicate all forms of violence against girls, boys and adolescents, with the participation of children and adolescents.

SIGNATURES

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6. **NADIA GARRIDO**, Executive Secretary of the World Movement for Children in Latin America and the Caribbean (MMI-LAC)
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