

# **International Cooperation for Preventing and Responding to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents: the Role of International Actors and Donors**

**Consultation in Preparation for the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2008**

## **CONCEPT NOTE AND DRAFT AGENDA**

**23 – 24 October 2008  
Florence, Italy**

### **DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE**

#### ***Background:***

The Government of Brazil will host the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents from 25-28 November 2008 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Congress will build on the commitments made at the first and second World Congresses against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (Stockholm 1996 and Yokohama 2001) and the States Parties obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) and its Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (2000). This process also benefits from follow-up to the UN GA Special Session on Children (2002) and the UN Study on Violence Against Children (2006).

The Congress envisages mobilizing all countries to guarantee the right of children and adolescents to be protected from sexual exploitation by taking action to:

- Promote sharing and cross-fertilization of experiences by governments, international organizations, independent institutions, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, NGOs, and others;
- Examine what works in different regions and identify channels to facilitate better exchange of experiences;
- Open channels and secure greater international cooperation on key issues (including cross-border, but also inter- and intra-regional cooperation);
- Examine persisting and new challenges and dimensions of sexual exploitation, and set more targeted strategies and measures to address them building on work achieved;
- Catalyze a systemic and inter-sectoral approach to guarantee children's and adolescents' right to be protected from sexual exploitation;
- Recommend follow-up action for the Congress.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the objectives of the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, the Congress partners and members of the Planning Committee (The Government of Brazil, UNICEF, ECPAT and the NGO Group for the Convention

on the Rights of the Child) are commissioning a background paper on each of the thematic areas of the Congress.

A number of thematic and expert consultations addressing key issues and aspects of sexual exploitation will be conducted in preparation for the Congress, including on various forms of sexual exploitation, legal frameworks, the role of the private sector and international cooperation.

***Objectives of the Consultation:***

The consultation will promote discussions and conceptual clarity on a rights based approach to child protection issues, including those relevant in the context of sexual exploitation of children and very particular it is designed to create awareness and mobilize governments, donor agencies and other actors to:

- Share positive experiences and initiatives promoted in the context of international cooperation to protect children from sexual exploitation;
- Address issues of relevance for the development of the thematic paper on “International Cooperation Strategies” in preparation for the World Congress III Theme 5;
- Provide recommendations for the World Congress III, including on the role of international cooperation and donors and other international actors to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation of children and adolescents beyond the World Congress.

***Outputs:***

The meeting will yield a brief meeting report, a contribution to the thematic paper on “International Cooperation” in preparation for the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, to be held in Brazil in November 2008 and strategic inputs for the World Congress, including recommendations specific to donors and other international actors to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation of children and adolescents.

***Participants:***

Governments; bilateral cooperation agencies; regional and inter-governmental organizations; ombudspersons; UN Agencies; academia and civil society organizations.

***Organization of the Meeting:***

Plenary presentations, panel discussions and group work.

## DRAFT AGENDA

**23 October**

### **09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Renzo Rosso, Multilateral Coordinator, Co-operation for Development  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Italy

Marta Santos Pais, Director  
UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

### **10:15 The World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents**

**Chair: Marta Santos Pais, Director, UNICEF IRC**

The World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, Jaap Doek,  
General Rapporteur

International Cooperation for Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child – Luigi  
Citarella, Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Introduction to the Thematic Paper on International Cooperation, Prepared by Norberto Liwski  
and Presented by Susan Bissell, Chief, Implementation of International Standards on Children's  
Rights, UNICEF IRC

**11:00** *Coffee break*

### **11:30 Preventing and Protecting Children from Sexual Exploitation – Progress and Emerging Issues**

**Chair: Abubacar Sultan**

Short Presentations:

- Child Trafficking – Mike Dottridge
- Promoting Effective Instruments for Combating and Preventing Children's Sexual Exploitation. Measures Adopted by the Council of Europe's Convention of Lanzarote - Cinzia Grassi, Chief Doctor National Police Italy, Coordinator, Technical and Scientific Committee, Observatory Against Children's Pedophilia and Pornography, Division of Equal Opportunities
- Promoting Collaboration Between Governmental Institutions and the Civil Society Organizations – Françoise Barner, Vice President ECPAT Italy

*Discussion and reflections from the participants (buzz groups\*)*

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\* *Informal small group work*

**13:00** *Lunch break*

**14:30-15:30** **Implementation and Monitoring of International and Regional Standards on Child Protection Relating to Preventing and Protecting Children from Sexual Exploitation**

**Chair: Anna Scalfati, Journalist Rai Tre**

The Role of the Council of Europe, Including the Convention on the Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, Carlo Chiaromonte

The Role of Ombudspersons in the Protection of Children's Rights from Sexual Exploitation, Trond Waage, Senior Fellow, UNICEF IRC

The Role of NGOs, Vibeke Jorgensen, Save the Children Sweden

The Role of Research, Jon Christian, Childwatch International

Discussion

**15:30** *Coffee break*

**16:00-17:30** **Panel Discussion on Experiences from International and Regional Cooperation for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and the Protection of Children's Rights**

**Chair: Marta Santos Pais, Director UNICEF IRC**

EU Guidelines for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the Child, Smiljana Knez, Head of Human Rights Unit, Department for International Organisations and Human Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia

The Strategy for the Council of Europe on the Protection of Children from all Forms of Violence, Mihail Stoican, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Government of Sweden

Prevention, Lars Lööf, Head of Children's Unit, Council of the Baltic Sea States

Law Enforcement: Child Exploitation Tracking System (CETS) and Youth Participation, Gabrielle Shaw, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP), Government of the United Kingdom

**18:00-19:00** **Reception**

**24 October**

**09:00 Day Two Introduction and Sum up of the Previous Day**

**09:15 Panel Discussion on International Cooperation and the Role of Bilateral Donors to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents**

**Chair: Jaap Doek, General Rapporteur**

A Child Rights Approach to Regional Cooperation, Pierre Ferry, UNICEF West and Central Africa Regional Office

Promoting Policy Development and Implementation in Cooperation with the Civil Society, Eli Grut, Government of Norway

The Convention Project: Results, Experiences and Lessons Learned, Gabriele Gahn, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit

Donor Policies and Budget Allocations (Including Inter-sectoral Policies), Florence Bruce, Oak Foundation

**11:00** *Coffee break*

**11:30 Experiences for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation Supported by Italian Development and Cooperation**

**Chair: Susan Bissell, Chief, Implementation of International Standards on Children's Rights, UNICEF IRC**

Professor Massimo Toschi, Councilor, International Cooperation, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Tuscany Region

Promotion of Children's and Adolescent's Rights Aiming at the Prevention and Elimination of Sexual Exploitation, Paola Viero and Chiara Venier, Experts, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Promoting Effective Instruments for the Prevention of Child Trafficking, Gianluigi Me, University of Tor Vergata and Giorgio Stefano Manzi, the National Carabinieri Service

The Role of the Italian Cooperation for the Elimination of Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism and Other Forms of Sexual Exploitation of Children. (Case Studies from the Dominican Republic, Philippines and Nigeria), Francesca Bosco, UNICRI and Maura Viezzoli, Independent Expert, Rosy de Paoli, ICEI Director of Programmes

**13:00** *Lunch*

**14:30 Group Work on the Role of Donors and Other International Actors to Promote International and Regional Cooperation to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation: Recommendations for the World Congress**

**Chair: Lena Karlsson, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF IRC**

- 1) Preparation for the World Congress III and Beyond: Strategies for Strengthening International and Regional Cooperation
- 2) Strategies for Strengthening the Role of Development Agencies and for Enhancing Cooperation Between Donor Agencies, Including Allocations for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation
- 3) Key Recommendations and Expected Outcomes for the World Congress III on the Role of International Cooperation for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation

**16:30 Report Back from Working Groups**

**17:00 Closing Session**

**Jaap Doek, General Rapporteur of World Congress III, Conclusions and Looking Forward**  
**Minister Elisabetta Belloni, Director General, Cooperation for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Italy**  
**Marta Santos Pais, Director, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre**