

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

Preamble

We **strongly support** the longer version of the Preamble in the 30 July text.

In both versions of the preamble (short and long), we would suggest the following sentence in the third paragraph to read:

They seek to realize the human rights of all **women, men and children** and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

Our Vision

Para 8: 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** its children, **and in which the rights and aspirations of all children are realized**, and in which every child grows up free from violence and exploitation. A world in which every woman and girl enjoys full gender equality and all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed. A just, equitable, tolerant, open and socially inclusive world in which the needs of the most vulnerable are met.

The New Agenda

Para 21: Realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Goals and targets. The achievement of full human potential and of sustainable development is not possible if one half of humanity continues to be denied its full human rights and opportunities. Women and girls must enjoy equal access to quality education, economic resources and political participation as well as equal opportunities with men and boys for employment, leadership and decision-making at all levels. We will work for a significant increase in investments to close the gender gap and strengthen support for institutions in relation to gender equality and the empowerment of women at the global, regional and national levels. All forms of discrimination and violence against women and **children, both girls and boys**, **girls** will be eliminated, including through the engagement of men and boys. The systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the implementation of the Agenda is crucial.

