

WORLD LEADERS COMMIT TO END SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN THROUGH PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Brussels, the 25th of September - Today, Heads of State gathered for the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and set in motion the Post-2015 Development Agenda. In doing so, world leaders make the highest possible commitment to protect children when they are the most vulnerable.

These SDGs include the promise to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate the worst forms of child labour by 2025, which includes commercial sexual exploitation of children.

ECPAT International welcomes the commitment of Heads of States as a victory for children everywhere. "Today must be the start of an era of determination and action if we are to realise the eradication the commercial sexual exploitation of children through prostitution and pornography by 2025" said Dorothy Rozga, Executive Director of ECPAT International.

ECPAT Belgium appreciates this necessary change in order to carry on the fight against commercial sexual exploitation. "These new goals are a great opportunity to reinforce our advocacy work towards Belgian and European authorities." explained Katlijn Declercq, the administrator of ECPAT Belgium.

ECPAT celebrates this breakthrough, which it has been tirelessly trying to secure during three World Congresses Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children for the last 20 years.

Background information

ECPAT Belgium is an official member of ECPAT international. ECPAT is a global network of 85 organisations working together in 77 countries for the elimination of all forms of child sexual exploitation through prostitution, pornography and trafficking.

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