

# #WePROTECT children Online

## **STATEMENT OF ACTION ON CAPACITY BUILDING TO TACKLE ONLINE CSE: ABU DHABI WEPROTECT SUMMIT 16-17 NOVEMBER 2015**

We, the organisations who are working together to end child sexual exploitation online, recognise that it is a heinous crime that demands a coordinated global response.

As part of the international community's commitment to end all violence against children, and in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, we reaffirm and endorse the Statement of Action made at the London WePROTECT Summit in December 2014 by organisations working to tackle online child sexual exploitation. This sets out our commitment to take action to identify and protect victims, remove child sexual abuse material from the internet and strengthen cooperation to track down the perpetrators of this abuse

We welcome the progress made since the London Summit, both by our organisations and others across all sectors working in this field, including law enforcement. We today agree to take this response to the next level, by supporting those working to establish a systematic national response to child sexual exploitation and abuse, as set out in the WePROTECT Model National Response.

Our existing programmes and future plans include specific action to, as appropriate:

- Build our evidence base on online child sexual abuse and exploitation, to inform policy, programmes, the creation of legislation and resource allocation to tackle this crime;
- Establish effective programmes to deter offenders, safeguard victims and protect children, and support adults who can help to do so;
- Support the establishment and effective use of mechanisms for reporting and removing child sexual abuse material online;
- Establish and strengthen child helplines and build awareness, capacity and cooperation amongst them;
- Establish and strengthen care and recovery services for children and young people, which include their access to justice, remedy and reparations;
- Ensure the voices of children and particularly child victims are taken into account in the development of policy, programmes and legislation;
- Build greater awareness and understanding to prevent abuse of children and young people, the public, the media and professionals working with children;
- Support the development and sharing of new technologies that can better protect children and help identify and remove child sexual abuse material from the internet, in partnership with key stakeholders.

In support of this we have today agreed to:

- Find new means to help all organisations working in this field to share resources, knowledge and experience, including through projects to establish best practice for governments, industry and civil society, so as to influence national, regional and international initiatives in this field;
- Ensure coordination of capacity building activities with each other, and the work by the Global Fund to End Violence Against Children - which will have a specific focus on online CSE, so as to maximise our impact and support the WePROTECT initiative in delivering a global, coordinated response to this crime;
- Support the establishment, by March 2016, of an Advisory Board, supported by a secretariat, responsible to all those who have signed up to WePROTECT, and which will support the implementation of commitments made at the London and Abu Dhabi Summits and oversee future development of this initiative.

Agreed By:

Child Helpline International

EPCAT

EUROPOL

Family Online Safety Initiative

INHOPE: The Association of Internet Hotlines

International Justice Mission

International Centre For Missing and Exploited Children

Internet Watch Foundation

INTERPOL

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation

The Marie Collins Foundation

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

THORN: Digital Defenders of Children

Tulir - Centre for Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse

UNICEF