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**The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on
Violence against Children
in cooperation with the missions of
Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Norway, Portugal and Zambia;
the KidsRights Foundation and
the International NGO Council on Violence against Children**

Are pleased to invite you to the launch of

High Time to End Violence against Children

On the occasion of the 31st Session of the Human Rights Council

**Wednesday 9 March, 4-6 pm
Palais des Nations, Geneva,
Building E, Room XVIII**

High Time to End Violence against Children

- 2016 marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations Study on Violence against Children. It is also the twentieth anniversary of the first World Congress against the commercial sexual exploitation of children. This is a strategic moment to consolidate the gains that have been made, grasp the lessons learned and redouble efforts to trigger a dynamic process of change and build a world where all children can grow up free from violence.
- 2016 also marks the start of the process of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The inclusion in the new development agenda of a distinct target to eliminate all forms of violence against children is an historic achievement and provides a unique opportunity to galvanize political will and mobilize wide social support for children's protection from violence, leaving no one behind. We must transform this momentum into an inclusive and unstoppable movement!



Promoted by the Office of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children and many partners, the High Time initiative aims to end violence against children thanks to the transformative power of governments' commitment and action, organizations and communities' engagement, and people's time and talent.

- In the count-down to 2030, the High Time initiative is an innovative Talent and Time Raising effort aiming at stimulating and supporting positive, visible and concrete initiatives designed to end violence against children worldwide and reach violence-related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals, especially target 16.2.

Programme

- Message by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
- Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children
- Ms Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
- H.E. Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrughe, Belgium

- **Celebrating 10 years of the UN Study on Violence against Children, a milestone in the protection of children's rights.**
 - Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, the Independent Expert who led the United Nations Study on Violence against Children
 - Mr Etienne Krug, Director of Violence and Injuries Prevention, World Health Organisation
 - Ms Elisabeth Dahlin, CEO, Save the Children Sweden
 - Mr Peter Newell, the International NGO Council on violence against Children

- **Fighting sexual violence against children, twenty years after the First World Congress against the commercial sexual exploitation of children**
 - H.E. Rogério Sottili, State Secretary for Human Rights, Government of Brazil
 - Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
 - Ms France Charlet, Head of Advocacy and Communications, ECPAT International

- **Transforming a momentum into an unstoppable movement to meet Target 16.2 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
 - Presentation of the High Time Initiative
 - Mr Marc Dullaert, Founder and Chairman of the KidsRights Foundation President of the European Network of Ombudsman for Children
 - Children as actors of change:
 - Mr Abraham M. Keita, winner of the 2015 Children's Peace Prize
 - Ms Maria Emilia Bertha Filomeno Chavez, director of *Centro de Desarrollo y Asesoría Psicosocial*, Peru.

- **Raising Time and Talent: pledges to end violence against children.**
- **Discussion**