

**Civil Society Days 2017, 29<sup>th</sup> of June – 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017**

**Special rapporteur - report on Children in Migration**

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<b>Special rapporteur on Children in Migration</b>	
<b>Name of rapporteur (s)</b>	Milena Armeni Franke
<b>1. RECOMMENDATIONS DAY – 29<sup>th</sup> of June</b>	
<i>Please describe how participants make reference to vulnerabilities of children when identifying concrete mechanisms (i.e. policies, practices and partnerships) to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration: (note of the rapporteur: This report focuses on vulnerabilities, agency and resilience of children).</i>	
<b>General observations:</b>	
<b>Specific observations per working session:</b>	
<b>Theme 1:</b>	<p>Children on the Move:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Best interest determination: Ensure that the best interest of the child is the primary consideration in all matters concerning migrant children, whether accompanied or unaccompanied.</li> <li>- Prohibit the immigration detention of children</li> <li>- Maintain family unity</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 2:</b>	<p>Xenophobia &amp; Integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adopt and implement measures to foster an open and non- discriminatory society, including by preventing xenophobia, racism, and discrimination against migrant children, starting from the moment of their arrival.</li> <li>- Implement, by means of awareness raising and educational initiatives, measures to actively address stereotypes, misconceptions and misinformation as well as to combat xenophobia and racism.</li> <li>- Adopt and implement measures that actively support reciprocal inclusion between host and migrant communities and social inclusion of migrant children, including as regard the access to legal identity, nationality, education, health care, justice and language training.</li> <li>- Repeal provisions that criminalize the provision of services to any migrant children or require a service provider to share personal data fro immigration enforcement.</li> <li>- Grant minors citizenship after 5 years of residency in the host country.</li> <li>- States should not leave children stateless.</li> </ul>

<b>Theme 3:</b>	Return: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- End the immigration detention of children and all the practices that result in the deprivation of liberty of children for immigration related reasons.</li> <li>- There should be no discussion on the return of children, especially when they are fleeing war, famine or any sort of situation which is life threatening</li> <li>- Agree an intentionally recognized procedure for monitoring returns of children whether accompanied or unaccompanied and for monitoring the subsequent reintegration of the children involved in their countries of origin.</li> <li>- An individual reintegration plan must be put in place before any return takes place</li> <li>- Children must never be separated from their parents unless it is in their best interest.</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 4:</b>	Recruitment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrant children should not be subjected any form of abuse, violence and exploitation in the work place, national laws that ensure the protection of migrant children should be enacted.</li> <li>- Migrant children need referral and support from a national child protection system based on a legal framework including formal and informal structures with the capacity to protect them from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect</li> <li>- The immediate identification and referral of exploited migrant children to the child protection system is critical.</li> <li>- Children should not be negatively affected by the consequences of their parent or guardian's migrant worker status.</li> </ul>
<p><i>If you could choose one or <b>two key messages</b> to be conveyed by the civil society CSD Chair in her report to states on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June (Common Space), which would these be? (feel free to just refer back to any point written out above)</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2. For input on Commitments Day – 1st of July, please refer to the child rapporteur speech, also on our website</b></p>	