

Pledge by Belarus

Ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 1 October 1990

Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict on 25 January 2006

Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography on 23 January 2002



Pledges

1. Strengthening of friendly urban environment for children and adolescents.
2. 20 November will be marked by landmark buildings going blue for CRC30, as well as national youth consultations on Child Rights issues.

Belarus will undertake the following measure to highlight the commitment to the promotion and realization of the rights of the child in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Convention:

What?

Strengthening of friendly urban environment for children and adolescents.

Why?

An intensive growth of large cities dictates the need to ensure the safe physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development of the child.

How?

In this context Belarus successfully works on the implementation of the Child-Friendly City Initiative. As of today 25 cities of Belarus, including the capital and regional centers, take part in the Initiative and 23 of them got the status of Child-Friendly City. Creation of friendly environment for children and adolescents through this Initiative promotes an integrated approach to the realization and protection of the fundamental rights of the child specified in the Convention. It also provides a forum for greater participation of children, adolescents and families in policies and issues affecting their daily lives, building a common platform for discussing critical issues with local administrations.

When?

Until each city in Belarus gets the status of Child-Friendly City.

Who?

The National Assembly, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNICEF in Belarus, representatives

of non-governmental organizations, local authorities and children, adolescents and families themselves.

3. Events:

Anniversary edition of the children's version of the Convention of the Rights of the Child was launched at the National Book Fair in February 2019. A colouring book with activities for children and parents was developed by UNICEF together with children.

On May 31, 2019, Belarus held a traditional annual event on the occasion of the International Children's Day. This year it was dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The celebration was attended by representatives of government, diplomatic corps, international organizations, public organizations, business, media and their families.

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