

# Pledge by Luxembourg

Ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 7 March 1994

Ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict on 4 August 2004

Ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography on 2 September 2011

Ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure on 12 February 2016

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2. The Government, as well as civil society, have organised throughout the year a number of events for children, professionals and parents to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Convention (i.e. a day on participation organised for children, a conference for professionals on child abuse prevention within institutions, a conference for professionals on juvenile justice, a conference for parents on physical punishment and alternative methods of education..).

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The Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth will introduce a comprehensive reform of the national legislation on the protection of youth to strengthen/bolster children's rights as guaranteed in the CRC taking into account the relevant European and international case-law and guidelines, including:

- (i) the strict separation of protective and criminal law measures;
- (ii) the introduction of specific procedural guarantees for minors;
- (iii) the introduction of a minimum age for deprivation of liberty.

The national legislation as well as infrastructure will be adapted in order to foster a child rights-based juvenile justice system in accordance with the *Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe* and based on the reflections made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child in his document *General Comment No.24 (2019) on children's rights in*

*the child justice system.* No minor shall be imprisoned in an adult prison to avoid any contact or cohabitation with adult detainees and youth detention facilities shall be specifically tailored to children's needs.

This legislation will be drafted in a national dialogue, including non-governmental stakeholders and professionals working with children, and based *inter alia* on the past and future recommendations from the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Current legislation and infrastructure does not allow to sufficiently guarantee the protection of children's rights in accordance with the CRC, international standards and recommendations.

The Ministry of Justice has launched a series of consultations with all relevant stakeholders, including researchers and professionals working with children, to map the relevant concerns and swiftly amend national legislation.

The Government aims to introduce the draft legislation on the protection of youth to Parliament in January 2022 at the latest.

The lead of this reform is in the hands of the Ministry of Justice, in concertation with the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, in charge of the coordination of the Child's rights policy.

## **2) The celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention at a national level:**

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