**Child participation in the Human Rights Council**

# Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide information to participants in Human Rights Council sessions. This is based on information available at this moment and will be revised and updated if necessary.

# Participation in the Human Right Council

## Accreditation to HRC sessions

All children participating in the activities of the Human Rights Council as State or NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC representatives must be duly registered and approved through INDICO, here: <https://indico.un.org/login/?next=%2Faccreditation%2F>

When submitting an accreditation request for a child, **a consent form** duly completed by **the parent** or **guardian legally responsible for the child** is also required (see below). The duly filled consent form should be uploaded in INDICO when making the registration request.

Moreover, it is mandatory for all participants, to provide a valid phone number, possibly mobile phone, for contact tracing purposes.

## Badge and access to Room XX

Children under the age of 14 are provided with badges without picture.

**Taking pictures and videos inside Room XX is not allowed**. **Only accredited press representatives (with a Press badge) are allowed to do so**.

## Live and archived webcast of the meeting

The oral statement, whether in person or through a video statement, will be available on the UN webcast, with the first name only of the child identifying the speaker.

# CONSENT FORM FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIAN

As part of child safeguarding measures implemented by the Human Rights Council Secretariat, a parental consent form is required for children participating in Human Rights Council sessions.

An adult must accompany your child to Human Rights Council meetings. This accompanying adult will take responsibility for your child’s safety and welfare.

Please tick as appropriate:

* I/We, *name (s) of parent(s)/ guardian(s)*

Give my consent for my child *(Name of child)*

To participate to: *(Name of the meeting)*

* I/We appoint *(name of Accompanying Adult)* to be responsible for my/our child during the Human Rights Council session and authorize *(name of Accompanying Adult)* to make decisions concerning any emergency medical treatment for my/our child which may be required.
* I/We affirm that I/we have full authority to give the consent provided for in this document.

***DISCLAIMER****: By submitting a video statement to the HRC Secretariat for the purpose of screening it during an official meeting of the HRC, the video statement will become an official record of the HRC session and considered as a UN audio-visual asset that can be re-disseminated to media organizations worldwide on a non-commercial basis, in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Global Communications, and will be included in the webcast archive of the meeting on webtv.un.org.*

Please tick as appropriate:

* I/we give my/our consent for my/our child to take part in media activities at the meeting.
* I/we DO NOT give my/our consent for my/our child to take part in media activities at the meeting.

# CONSENT FORM FOR CHILD

I *(name)*, understand and I have been fully briefed, about the agenda, my role and the nature of meetings. I understand that *(name of Accompanying Adult)* will come with me to the meetings and will keep me safe and well.

Please TICK the boxes if your answer is YES:

□ Someone has asked me if I agree with the choice of Accompanying Adult for me.

□ Someone has briefed me about how my Accompanying Adult will look after me.

□ I will do what my Accompanying Adult asks me to do to ensure my safety and wellbeing (as long as it is sensible)

□ I have been briefed on the agenda for the meetings and agree to go on this trip and participate in the meetings.

□ I understand that I am allowed to stop my participation at any time.

Signature of Child