SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON MIGRATION AND REFUGEES



Ms Gudrun Mosler-Törnström President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

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Dear President,

As you know, the Council of Europe Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children (2017-2019), prepared by my Office, was adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its 127th meeting in Nicosia on 19 May 2017.

Implementation of the Action Plan is now well under way. In this context, my Office is currently preparing a compilation of good practices on migration-related child-friendly procedures. We have today launched a call for good practice examples, which we are hoping to disseminate as widely as possible among stakeholders in our 47 Member States.

As local authorities are often heavily involved in procedures to accommodate and care for refugee and migrant children, I am particularly keen to ensure that our call for good practices is drawn to their attention. I am confident that, with their engagement in this project, we will be able to gather and share some excellent examples of good practice in this area which could subsequently be adapted and implemented by others, to the benefit of refugee and migrant children across Europe.

To this end, I would be very grateful if you could disseminate our call for good practices to your national delegations for circulation to relevant contact points within their home states.

I enclose a copy of the call for good practices and the questionnaire to be completed. The deadline for submission of good practice examples is 30 September 2018.

Thank you for your invaluable assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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