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**Information note**  
**Europe Regional Preparatory Children Forum for the World**  
**Congress III against Sexual Exploitation of Children &**  
**Adolescents from**  
**31 October – 2 November 2008**

**The meeting takes place in Germany**  
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### **Context of the Regional Children Forum**

The inclusion and active participation of children and youth as key stakeholders and actors in the fight against sexual exploitation of children is planned throughout the World Congress and the preparatory processes. In line with the Congress' long standing commitment to work with children and young people, this meeting will build and expand on the successful involvement of children and young people in activities for combating CSEC. Children and young people (mostly adolescents) will play an important role in the World Congress III and will be provided with various opportunities to feed into the World Congress III processes as active participants.

The age range of the young people has been decided as 12-18 years. Adolescent representatives will be selected from on-going initiatives. Therefore, the participation of children and young people at this Regional Children Forum will be crucial for identifying regional good models and gaps which will further be brought forward to the World Congress III. The Regional Consultation will also be the platform for the preparation of the child and youth regional representatives at the World Congress III as the aim is for greater representation and substantive participation of a core group of children who are either at-risk or survivors of sexual exploitation and directly involved in advocacy work. Priority will be given to those children and young people who are already actively involved in various projects and programmes against CSEC and Trafficking within their shelters, schools and wider communities. There will be a strong focus on providing them with local support in advance through their

sponsoring organizations to ensure substantive engagement in the regional children Forum and it is expected that this will enable them to participate in workshops, plenary sessions and panel discussions at the World Congress.

### Objectives of Childrens' Participation:

- To provide an opportunity for children and young people to share their experiences, good practices and models of successful child and youth-led interventions against sexual exploitation in the region.
- To learn from each other and move forward with a better understanding of the issue of sexual exploitation and with more ideas to formulate recommendations based on best practices and gaps identified from the region in regard to child and youth participation
- To prepare selected European and Central Asian child and youth representatives for their active participation in the World Congress III in Rio
- To ensure follow-up mechanisms (in terms of sharing of outcomes/implementation of the recommendations of the World Congress III) with wider groups of children and young people in the region, and to see follow up institutionalized in relevant organizations, youth network and projects in the region
- To strengthen the institutionalization of meaningful CYP participation in Europe and CIS

### Expected Outcomes

- Identification of effective models of child and youth participation for combating the sexual exploitation and abuse of children in Europe and Central Asia.
- Key areas identified for strengthening child and youth participation in the region based on the Outcomes of the Europe and Central Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting
- Children and Youth representatives from the Region meet and share experiences while preparing their participation in the World Congress
- Regional children and youth outcome document produced based on outcomes of the Forum
- Follow-up mechanisms for sharing outcomes and implementing recommendations are identified

### Draft Agenda:

31 October 2008	<b>Friday</b>
16.00 – 17.00	Registration
17.00 – 19.00	Welcome and opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to each others (<i>ice-breaking and partner-wise introduction</i>)</li> <li>• Children's forum objectives and expectations</li> </ul>
19.00 – 20.00	<i>Dinner</i>

20.00 - 21.00	Session 1: Child protection session ( <i>including definition of sexual exploitation and CSEC</i> )
1 November 2008	<b>Saturday</b>
9.00 – 11.00	Session 2 - <b>Shaping up of the Regional Picture:</b> Europe and Central Asia Realities – Challenges & Opportunities for child and youth participation
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	Session 3 - <b>Introduction to the World Congress III</b> – structure and Thematic Areas
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 16.00	Session 4 - <b>Good Practice Sharing and identification of recommendations</b>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 18.00	Session 5 - <b>Finalising (enlisting) Children’s and Youth’s Participation in the World Congress</b>
18.00 – 19.00	Dinner
19.00 – 20.30	Closing session
2 November 2008	<b>Sunday</b>
9.00 -	Departure

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