### Newsletter on Children's rights – Global

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### Australia – Campaign seeks to raise awareness on sexual exploitation of children

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 - An Australian government-led consortium of leading child-rights advocates, together with the Philippine government, launched the SaferKidsPH campaign to raise national awareness on the extent and impact of online sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the Philippines.

BusinessMirror - Full article

## Australia – Children's Week highlights the rights of children to good physical and mental health

20<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - The right of all children to the highest standard of health care, including mental health care, is the focus of this year's National Children's Week, which runs from 19-27 October, the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) has said.

The Sector – Full article

### China – China targets abuse and cyberbullying in new child protection measures

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 - China is planning a major overhaul of its child protection laws including new safeguards against abuse and bullying. It will also increase the authorities' powers to step in when parents or other legal guardians are failing in their duty of care. The proposed new amendments to the Minors Protection Law underwent their first review at a bimonthly session of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, the country's top legislative body, on Monday.

AsiaOne - Full article

### France – Toulouse. Deux jours pour le droit des enfants

20 octobre 2019 - À l'occasion de la Journée internationale des Droits de l'Enfant, la Mairie de Toulouse organise deux jours de rencontres au « Village des droits » installé sur la place du Capitole les 24 et 25 octobre.

La Dépêche - Article complet

## France – Une stratégie nationale pour garantir à chaque enfant les mêmes chances et les mêmes droits

14 octobre 2019 - Le secrétaire d'État auprès de la ministre des Solidarités et de la Santé, Adrien Taquet, a dévoilé lundi 14 octobre 2019 la stratégie nationale de prévention et de protection de l'enfance 2020-2022, fondée sur un nouveau partenariat avec les départements.

Gouvernment.fr - Article complet

#### Global – Global Efforts Needed to Free Detained Children

8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - A new global study on children deprived of their liberty should prompt United Nations member countries to take steps to dramatically decrease the number of children detained and confined, a group of 170 nongovernmental organizations said today. Manfred Nowak, a UN independent expert, will present the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty to the UN General Assembly in New York on October 8, 2019. He found that approximately 1.5 million children are deprived of their liberty each year.

Human Rights Watch - Full article

#### Global - In Photos: Migration's Searing Impact On Children

10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - A new photo exhibition illustrates the physical, emotional and psychological impact of migration on the world's children. Migration in search of better opportunities is as old as human history. But for millions of children and families, pushed out of their homes by extreme poverty and brutal violence, the decision to leave is driven by desperation.

Forbes - Full article

#### India – J&K child rights panel asks schools to ensure safety of children

20<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - The Jammu and Kashmir Commission for the Protection of Women and Child Rights has asked the state's Education Department to ensure the safety and security of children while they are in school and on their way to and from home. In a comprehensive advisory to all schools, the Commission has also asked schools to keep tabs on the weight of children's school bags, besides ensuring a healthy and hygienic environment in the school.

The Telegraph - Full Article

### Japon – Près de 20 000 enfants étrangers ne vont pas à l'école au Japon

3 octobre 2019 - Un enfant étranger âgé de 6 à 15 ans n'est donc pas scolarisé. Une statistique criante du manque d'aide à l'insertion pour les plus jeunes enfants du Japon, souvent issus de familles ayant émigrées pour le travail. Ces données sont tirées d'une étude gouvernementale, publiée vendredi dernier.

Furansu Japon - Article complet

# Netherlands – Children's rights organisations call for national plan to beat poverty

8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Children's rights organisations have called for a national policy on poverty to protect vulnerable families from bureaucratic failures. The government has devolved responsibility for a range of social provisions such as youth care services in recent years, but Defence for Children and Save the Children said the practice has led to more arbitrary and inconsistent decision-making.

**DutchNews - Full article** 

#### Spain - Popular movies projections teach children's rights in Barcelona

14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - An educational program aims to provoke reflection on the rights and duties of children in Barcelona. For ten years now the Film Series on the Rights of the Child has been offering families cinema projections of a selection of films. They combine leisure and learning with the intention of stimulating dialogue and debate with and among children. This year in November the Children's Rights Film Series returns with the slogan "Barcelona takes care of childhood" at the Cinemes Girona.

The Mayor - Full article

## United Kingdom – Heathrow expansion violates climate rights of children, say lawyers

17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - The multibillion-pound expansion of Heathrow violates the rights of children and future generations, who will face the greatest impact of the climate crisis, lawyers will argue at the court of appeal in London. Fresh legal challenges on Thursday by environmental NGOs, councils and the mayor of London against the construction of a third runway will be presented during a five-day hearing.

The Guardian - Full article