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1. Global Development on Children and Human's Rights

[Letter] Statement of Human Rights Watch for Hearing on “Oversight of the Administration’s Decision to End Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals”

October 2, 2017 – « We write to thank you for holding a hearing addressing the urgent human rights issue of protection for undocumented youth, and to urge your committee to forward to the Senate for approval an inclusive legislative solution to protect immigrants with deep ties to the United States from deportation. »

[Full article](#) (Human Rights Watch)

[Press release] Partners commit to reduce cholera deaths by 90 per cent by 2030

October 3, 2017 – An ambitious new strategy to reduce deaths from cholera by 90 per cent by 2030 will be launched tomorrow by the Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC), a diverse network of more than 50 UN and international agencies, academic institutions, and NGOs that supports countries affected by the disease. Cholera kills an estimated 95 000 people and affects 2.9 million more every year. Urgent action is needed to protect communities, prevent transmission and control outbreaks.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF Press Center)

[Press release] UNICEF needs \$6.2 million to meet urgent needs of 20,000 children affected by Hurricane Maria in Dominica

October 3, 2017 – UNICEF said it needs \$6.2 million to meet the urgent needs of children affected by Hurricane Maria in Dominica. The category 5 storm, which hit the Caribbean island on September 19, forced 65,000 people, including 20,000 children, away from their homes. The funds are part of a broader \$28 million appeal by humanitarian agencies to provide immediate needs in one of the poorest islands of the Caribbean.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF Press Center)

[Communiqué de presse] Un an après le passage de l’ouragan Matthew, les enfants d’Haïti sont encore vulnérables aux catastrophes naturelles

4 octobre 2017 – Un an après le passage de l’ouragan Matthew de catégorie 4 qui a dévasté le grand Sud d’Haïti et causé des pertes en vies humaines ainsi que des dégâts considérables, les

enfants et adolescents de ce pays des Caraïbes sont encore extrêmement vulnérables aux effets des catastrophes naturelles et des événements climatiques extrêmes, avertit l'UNICEF aujourd'hui.

[Article complet](#) (Centre de presse UNICEF)

[News] Almost 150,000 Rohingya children in urgent need of supplementary food to stave off or treat malnutrition

October 5, 2017 – Save the Children is warning of a malnutrition crisis in the Bangladeshi district of Cox's Bazar, where more than half a million Rohingya have arrived in the past six weeks after fleeing horrific violence and bloodshed over the border in Myanmar.

[Full article](#) (Save the Children)

[News] 700,000 children among millions of people in Puerto Ricco facing aftereffects of hurricane Maria

October 7, 2017 – Save the Children has sent additional staff and supplies to address the most urgent needs for children and their families. The organization's staff arrived in the immediate aftermath of the storm and, working with partners and local officials, has already distributed essential supplies for toddlers and young children in seven shelters on the island, with additional distributions scheduled.

[Full article](#) (Save the Children)

[News] For Children in War, Some Good News amidst a Grim Picture

October 10, 2017 – Let's start with the good news. A new United Nations report on children and armed conflict found that more than 5,700 child soldiers were released from armed groups in the Central African Republic and the Philippines last year, and for the second year in a row, no new cases of child recruitment by government forces in the Democratic Republic of Congo were reported. Colombia's peace deal, signed in November 2016, includes the demobilization of all child soldiers from the FARC guerrillas.

[Full article](#) (Human Rights Watch)

[News] US Proposal Would Sacrifice Central America's Children

October 10, 2017 – The Trump administration announced on Sunday that it wants Central American children – even those fleeing for their lives – to be turned away at the US-Mexico border or quickly sent back to their home countries. This was one of several conditions the administration cast as prerequisites for any legislative deal to protect the Dreamers, undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children.

[Full article](#) (Human Rights Watch)

[News] California: New Laws Protect Children, Youth

October 11, 2017 – California Governor Jerry Brown has signed into law three bills that recognize young people's vulnerability to abuse and their capacity to grow and mature, Human Rights Watch said today. The bills, signed on October 11, 2017, will protect children in police custody, limit prison terms for youth and young adults, and offer young people a chance to rebuild their lives.

[Full article](#) (Human Rights Watch)

[News] More than 20,000 girls married illegally every day

October 11, 2017 – More than 20,000 girls are married every day below the minimum age permitted by national law, according to new research from Save the Children and the World Bank marking the International Day of the Girl. In all, about 7.5 million girls are married illegally every year. In addition, close to 100 million girls are not protected against child marriage under the laws of their countries.

[Full article](#) (Save the Children)

[News] Makeshift schools a rare sanctuary for traumatised Rohingya children

October 11, 2017 – Of the 520,000 Rohingya Muslims who have fled to Bangladesh in recent weeks over 290,000 are children, haunted by the horrors they have witnessed and now crammed into overcrowded refugee camps. With minimal facilities available, aid groups are hurrying to set up schools and safe zones for the children to help deal with the trauma which, so many have experienced. At the entrance to the packed Leda camp a handful of learning centres have been set up opposite a brick factory with a smoke-blackened chimney.

[Full article](#) (The New Arab)

[News] India Supreme Court rules sex with child bride is rape

October 11, 2017 – India's Supreme Court has struck down a legal clause that permits men to have sex with their underage wives. The clause, which was part of India's law on rape, said intercourse between a man and his wife was permissible as long as she was over 15 years of age. The legal age of consent and marriage in India is 18 but marital rape is not considered an offence.

[Full article](#) (BBC News)

[Nouvelle] Le Conseil de sécurité devrait protéger les écoles contre les attaques

12 octobre 2017 – Les membres du Conseil de sécurité des Nations Unies ainsi que les autres États membres de l'ONU devraient redoubler d'efforts pour protéger l'éducation en période de conflit armé, notamment en approuvant la Déclaration sur la sécurité dans les écoles. Le 13 octobre 2017, le Conseil de sécurité tiendra, à l'initiative de l'Italie, de la France, de la Suède et de l'Uruguay, une réunion selon la « formule Arria » sur les attaques contre l'éducation.

[Article complet](#) (Human Rights Watch)

[News] International day for disaster reduction 2017 - School safe school

October 13, 2017 – The Asia-Pacific region is the most disaster-prone in the world, and 35.6 million children are at risk of death and injury every year in this region. Children bear the brunt of recurring and intensifying disasters in the Asia-Pacific region and are at a disproportionately higher risk of death and injury, compared to adults.

[Full article](#) (Save the Children)

[News] Restrictive EU policies are putting refugee children at risk, says new report from Save the Children

October 17, 2017 – In a new report, Save the Children warns that restrictive EU migration policies risk pushing children underground. About 800,000 children applied for asylum in the EU over the last two years. 150,000 of them were unaccompanied, arriving in Europe either completely alone or without a family member. In this new policy report, Keeping Children at the

Centre, the NGO Save the Children looks at the risks children face both on the way to and inside Europe, and the restrictive measures that make it difficult for them to receive the protection – and investment - they need.

[Full article](#) (Save the Children)

[News] FBI trafficking sweep rescues 84 children - one just three months old

October 20, 2017 – US authorities have rescued 84 children, one just 3 months old, and arrested 120 people in a nationwide sweep of child sex trafficking that exposed the growing use of technology by traffickers, officials said on Thursday.

[Full article](#) (The Telegraph)

[News] Why does the US have so many child brides?

October 23, 2017 - Angel was 13 when her mother forced her to marry and start a family. "I felt like a slave," she says of her childhood. While countries like Zimbabwe, Malawi and El Salvador have recently banned child marriage, it remains legal in the US - and half of states have no set minimum age below which you cannot get married.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conférence – IVe Conférence mondiale sur l'élimination durable du travail des enfants

Dans le cadre des Objectifs de développement durable (ODD) de l'Agenda 2030, les États membres des Nations Unies, les organisations d'employeurs et de travailleurs, ainsi que les organisations de la société civile sont encouragées à éliminer le travail des enfants d'ici 2025 et le travail forcé, l'esclavage moderne et la traite d'êtres humains d'ici 2030. Dans ce contexte, il a été convenu que le thème de la IVe Conférence mondiale couvrirait à la fois l'élimination durable du travail des enfants et l'élimination du travail forcé, et se pencherait sur la question de la qualité de l'emploi des jeunes.

Emplacement : Buenos Aires, Argentine

Dates : 14 au 16 novembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Organisation internationale du travail)

Conférence – Seize ans d'évolution dans l'incidence et les caractéristiques des situations évaluées par les services de protection du Québec: les faits saillants de l'ÉIQ-2014

Présentée par Sonia Hélie (CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal et Université de Montréal), Delphine Collin-Vézina (Université McGill), Nico Trocmé (Université McGill), Daniel Turcotte (Université Laval) et Nadine Girouard (anciennement de l'IUJD).

Emplacement : Institut universitaire Jeunes en difficultés, Montréal

Dates : 14 novembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Centre jeunesse de Montréal)

Forum – Forum annuel 2017 de la Fondation Pierre Elliot Trudeau

Idées essentielles est le 14e forum annuel de la Fondation Pierre Elliott Trudeau autour des idées et de la recherche sur certains des enjeux les plus pressants de notre époque. Les plénières et ateliers multiplient les échanges entre citoyens engagés, décideurs, intellectuels et praticiens. Le forum présentera des penseurs soutenus par la Fondation et d'autres experts. Les thèmes abordés seront : la réinvention de Montréal, l'imaginaire futuriste autochtone, les jeunes et les conflits au XXIe siècle, le journalisme, les données et la démocratie, et la montée de l'extrémisme au Canada.

Emplacement : Hôtel OMNI, Montréal

Dates : 15 au 17 novembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Fondation Trudeau)

Semaine thématique – Grande semaine des tout-petits

Du 19 au 25 novembre 2017, la Grande semaine des tout-petits (GSTP) battra son plein pour la deuxième année consécutive. Impliquant de nombreux partenaires travaillant auprès des enfants et des familles, la GSTP a pour objectif de mobiliser l'ensemble de la population autour de la petite enfance afin de faire de celle-ci une priorité.

Emplacement : Montréal et un peu partout au Québec

Dates : 19 au 25 novembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Grande semaine des tous-petits)

Conférence – Revue de la jurisprudence en droit de l'enfant en regard du droit à l'égalité et à la non-discrimination

L'honorable Ann-Marie Jones, présidente du Tribunal des droits de la personne, fera une revue des décisions les plus marquantes rendues par le Tribunal dans le cadre de recours impliquant des enfants et leurs parents. Elle y traitera du droit à l'égalité des enfants, notamment en situation de handicap, dans le contexte de l'éducation ou autre, ainsi que dans l'accès aux biens et aux services ordinairement offerts au public.

Emplacement : ABC-Québec, Montréal

Date : 23 novembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Association du Barreau canadien)

Conférence – « Conférence des enfants 2017 »

Les enfants ont des droits, Le savais-tu? Cette année a lieu la Conférence nationale des enfants sur le thème de la formation aux droits de l'enfant au Village d'enfants Pestalozzi à Trogen. Dans le cadre de différents ateliers, ils discuteront des droits des enfants, de leurs droits.

Emplacement: Trogen, Suisse

Date: 23 au 26 novembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Fondation Village d'enfants Pestalozzi)

Conférence – 8e Conférence international sur l'éducation aux droits humains

La conférence internationale sur l'éducation aux droits humains (CIEDH) est le forum des praticiens, décideurs et universitaires pour explorer les solutions aux défis mondiaux par l'éducation.

Emplacement : Equitas – Centre international d'éducation aux droits humains, Montréal

Date: 30 novembre au 3 décembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Equitas)

Congress – The 2nd International Developmental Pediatrics Association Congress

The Second International Developmental Pediatrics Association Congress will be held in Mumbai from 7th to 10th of December 2017. It is being held in early December to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3rd).

Location: Mumbai, India

Date: 7th of December to 10th of December 2017

[For more information](#): (The 2nd International Developmental Pediatrics Association Congress)

Congress – 18th Global Youth Justice Training Establish, Enhance and Learn

Global Youth Justice, Inc. champions 1,700+ volunteer-driven youth justice and juvenile justice diversion programs called Teen/Youth/Student/Peer Court and Peer Jury on 4-Continents, making it the most replicated juvenile/youth justice program around the globe. And, adults and youth from hundreds of additional communities around the globe are in various stages of implementing one of these rapidly expanding affordable youth-led juvenile justice and youth justice diversion programs.

Location: Las Vegas, USA

Date: January 23-25, 2018

[For more information](#) (Global Youth Justice)

Training – Child Rights Public Budgeting

This short e-learning course introduces participants to concepts, principles, standards and practical examples of child rights public budgeting and monitoring. The course will address basics of child rights public budgeting and monitoring; the importance of budget transparency; obligations of governments; and possibilities for participation of civil society, including children.

Location: Online

Date: May 2-16, 2018

[For more information](#) (The Global Human Rights Education and Training Centre)

Colloque – 18e Colloque Annuel de Formation sur les enfants disparus ou exploités (CEDE)

La 18^e édition du CEDE, un grand colloque sur les enfants disparus ou exploités au Canada, organisé par le Centre canadien de protection de l'enfance. Le CEDE offre trois jours de formations données par des experts sur divers sujets, dont la détection et l'investigation des violences faites aux enfants et l'exploitation des enfants par Internet.

Emplacement : Winnipeg, Canada

Dates : 15 au 17 mai 2018

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Colloque sur les Enfants Disparus ou Exploités)

Conférence midi – L'expérience scolaire des élèves issus de l'immigration en milieux défavorisés

Conférence animée par Isabelle Archambault (Université de Montréal).

Emplacement : Institut universitaire Jeunes en difficultés, Montréal

Dates : 5 juin 2018

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Centre jeunesse de Montréal)

3- Sub-regional and Country updates – Children and Armed Conflicts

Bangladesh – Des milliers d’enfants sans endroit où aller attendent dans la boue.

18 octobre 2017 – Ce week-end, plusieurs milliers de réfugiés ont quitté le Myanmar pour rejoindre le Bangladesh. Plus de la moitié d’entre eux sont des enfants. Mais les ressources pour les prendre en charge manquent et ils n’ont pas pu être aiguillés vers des camps.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

Bangladesh – Des clowns apportent la thérapie du rire aux enfants rohingyas

31 octobre 2017 – Avec leurs pitreries et leurs mimes, une troupe de clowns au nez rouge déclenche ce que l’on entend rarement dans les immenses camps de réfugiés rohingyas du sud du Bangladesh : des rires d’enfants.

[Article complet](#) (Le Soleil)

Central African Republic – Sexual Violence as Weapon of War

October 5, 2017 – Armed groups in the Central African Republic have used rape and sexual slavery as a tactic of war across the country during nearly five years of conflict, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. Commanders have tolerated widespread sexual violence by their forces and, in some cases, appear to have ordered it or committed it themselves. The 176-page report, “‘They Said We Are Their Slaves,’ Sexual Violence by Armed Groups in the Central African Republic,” documents 305 cases of rape and sexual slavery carried out against 296 women and girls by members of armed groups between early 2013 and mid-2017.

[Full article](#) (Human Rights Watch)

Democratic Republic of Congo – Can Congo’s New Child-Free Army Bring Lasting Change?

October 10, 2017 – The Democratic Republic of Congo's military has been removed from the UN's 'list of shame' of armed groups that recruit and use child soldiers - only the second ever delisting after Chad in 2014. It's a hugely positive step. The UN's annual Children and Armed Conflict report, released last week, is a key document in highlighting the militarism and armed

groups that recruit and commit grave violations against children. This year, 56 state forces were named, along with armed groups from 14 countries. However, the progress made by the Congolese armed forces, the FARDC, has been a long time coming, and serious concerns remain over sexual violence committed by its soldiers

[Full article](#) (IRIN)

European Union – Oxfam exposes « great abuse » in EU’s approach to migration

October 11, 2017 – Oxfam’s Brussels office has published a report saying that the European Union’s migration policy needs “an urgent shift in direction » in order to respect the EU’s founding values of human rights, in a lobbying effort ahead of the 19-20 October EU summit. Oxfam, the international confederation of charitable organisations focused on the alleviation of global poverty, published on Wednesday (11 October) a report titled “Beyond “Fortress Europe” : Principles for a humane EU migration policy .” Oxfam has received testimonies of authorities physically attacking migrants at the Hungarian and Croatian borders, women and children being exposed to the risk of abuse in migration “hotspots” in Greece and Italy, and people being prevented from fleeing torture and rape in Libya, all as a result of EU policies.”

[Full article](#) (EURACTIV.com)

Lebanon – Australia grants AU\$30 million to UNICEF to strengthen access to education for vulnerable children in Lebanon over the next three years

October 24, 2017 – The Government of Australia announced a \$30 million (AUD) contribution to UNICEF over the next three years to increase access to quality education in public schools and strengthen the Lebanese education system through its support to Lebanon’s ‘Reaching All Children with Education’ (RACE II) strategy. During the visit, His Excellency Sir Cosgrove noted the efforts of the government and people of Lebanon in hosting Syrian refugees saying: "I have heard a lot about the support you have been providing to Syrian refugees and what we see here today is the best proof of this support. We are pleased to say that our activities here and what we are doing in Lebanon is a priority for the Australian government and we will continue to work hand in hand with the Lebanese government.”

[Full article](#) (Relief Web)

Lybie – Les orphelins de Daesh

12 octobre 2017 – En Libye, le Croissant rouge accueille à Misrata des dizaines d'enfants dont les parents, membres de l'État islamique, sont morts dans des combats. Un enfant tunisien, dont les parents sont morts en combattant auprès de l'Etat islamique, a été rapatrié dans son pays. Agé de trois ans, il a passé plus d'un an dans une prison à Tripoli. D'autres attendent encore, comme à Misrata, où le Croissant rouge a transformé un centre réservé aux formations en orphelinat.

[Article complet](#) (DW Made for minds)

Mali – Rising number of children prey to deadly malnutrition in conflict-hit Mali

October 9, 2017 – A nutrition crisis, exacerbated by continuing violence, instability and displacement, is threatening the lives and futures of thousands of children in Mali, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) warned today. A report published today shows that an estimated 165,000 children are expected to suffer from severe acute malnutrition across the country in 2018.

[Full article](#) (UN)

Myanmar – Crimes against humanity terrorize and drive Rohingya out

October 18, 2017 – More than 530,000 Rohingya men, women and children have fled northern Rakhine State in terror in a matter of weeks amid the Myanmar security forces' targeted campaign of widespread and systematic murder, rape and burning, Amnesty International said today in its most detailed analysis yet of the ongoing crisis.

[Full article](#) (Amnesty International)

Nations Unies – Troisième commission : les délégations insistent sur le droit de tous les enfants à une éducation de qualité, y compris en situation de crise

11 octobre 2017 – La Troisième Commission, chargée des questions sociales, humanitaires et culturelles, a achevé aujourd'hui son débat consacré aux droits de l'enfant. Si les quelque 55 délégations qui ont pris la parole sont revenues sur les violences à l'égard des enfants, il a aussi beaucoup été question aujourd'hui du droit à l'éducation, y compris dans les situations d'urgence, notamment pour les enfants réfugiés ou migrants.

[Article complet](#) (Nations Unies, Couverture des réunions et communiqués de presse)

Nigeria – 300 membres de Boko Haram en détention provisoire, procès ajournés

10 octobre 2017 – Trois cents membres présumés de Boko Haram ont été officiellement placés en détention provisoire mardi au Nigeria, alors que les premiers grands procès liés au groupe jihadiste ont débuté la veille ... Au total, 1.669 suspects – 1.631 hommes, 11 femmes, 27 enfants – sont détenus à Kainji, en attendant d’être entendus par la justice.

[Article complet](#) (Africa News)

Sudan – EU offers 106 million euros in humanitarian aid for Sudan

October 23, 2017- The European Commission on Monday announced a 106-million-euro (\$124-million) aid package for Sudan, saying around 4.8 million people needed urgent humanitarian assistance in the African country. The new aid comes at a time United Nations aid agencies are facing an acute shortage of funds from global donors to meet relief needs in Sudan.

[Full article](#) (Mailonline)

Somalie – L’attentat au Somalie a fait plus de 300 morts.

15 octobre 2017 – Le bilan de l'attentat au camion piégé perpétré samedi à Mogadiscio, en Somalie, surpassait lundi les 300 morts, ce qui en fait l'attaque la plus meurtrière de l'histoire de ce pays de la corne de l'Afrique. Un responsable des ambulanciers somaliens, le docteur Abdulkadir Adam, a révélé lundi matin que plusieurs blessés ont succombé à leurs blessures au cours des dernières heures. Le gouvernement a prévenu que le bilan risque de s'alourdir encore davantage. Le docteur Adam a dit que 15 élèves d'une école primaire ont été tués. Les petites victimes se trouvaient apparemment à bord d'un autobus scolaire quand un camion piégé a explosé à proximité.

[Article complet](#) (huffingtonpost.ca)

Soudan du Sud – Plus de 5.000 enfants réunis avec leurs familles grâce à l'UNICEF et ses partenaires

18 octobre 2017 – Depuis le début du conflit au Soudan du Sud en 2013, le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF), l'ONG Save the Children et leurs partenaires ont réussi à réunir plus de 5.000 enfants avec leurs familles.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d’actualités de l’ONU)

World – UN says Attacks on Schools on the rise

October 13, 2017 – The United Nations says attacks on schools worldwide are on the rise, with more than 500 attacks in the first six months of the year, many of them in war zones. Virginia Gamba, the U.N. special representative for children in armed conflict, told a U.N. Security Council meeting that 2017 might be a record year for the number of schools bombed and destroyed.

[Full article](#) (Voice of America)