

## **PETITION OF THE NGO CHILD RIGHTS COALITION FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION -**

The NGO Child Rights Coalition is initiating a collection of signatures to urge all-government action that will result in real and effective protection for all children from falling victim to sexual violence and preventing re-victimization, as well as effective protection for children who have already experienced violence. All this is conceivable only in a professionally sound manner, based on research and after expert consultations.

Sexual violence and exploitation, which is often accompanied by physical and always accompanied by emotional violence, is one of the most serious forms of abuse a child can suffer. In accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and Hungarian law, all persons under the age of 18 are considered children and are thus entitled to special protection and care.

In recent months, more news and analysis has been published about child sexual abuse, especially the crime of child pornography and child prostitution, than ever before. These have confirmed what the child protection profession has long said: the vulnerability of victims, the lack of a safety net around them is worrying and contributes greatly to the internet becoming one of the main hunting grounds for sexual predators.

**Action against the sexual abuse and exploitation of children is one of the most urgent and common tasks of child protection. What can we, responsible adults, do?**

### **We take the initiative to**

1. The Government, as the State Party's representative, should ensure the early implementation of the Lanzarote Convention of the Council of Europe and make every effort to end the sexual exploitation of children in Hungary and to establish a system of full professional support and assistance to victims and their families. . In two-thirds of cases, the sexual exploitation of children (eg in prostitution) can be directly linked to the sexual violence suffered by children and child pornography.
2. Government bodies shall create the conditions for the establishment and regular, genuine operation of interdisciplinary forums for the systematic investigation of individual cases, with the participation of all governmental and non-governmental actors and institutions responsible for the well-being and safety of the child and the care of victims of violence and exploitation.
3. The Parliament should hold a debate on the problem of child abuse and sexual violence against children (including child pornography) and develop a strategy (action plan) for the prevention and effective protection of children and the effectiveness of law enforcement in relation to crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children.
4. The Government should launch awareness-raising (information, awareness-raising) campaigns for the general public, as well as perpetrators and victims, in order to provide information on the sexual exploitation and sexual, emotional and physical abuse of children, as well as on available preventive measures and services.

5. The Government should ensure that child and adult victims of sexual violence and exploitation receive adequate quality and long-term care and support through a specialized national, multidisciplinary assistance system, the resources of which are provided on an ongoing basis. Compulsory vocational training should be provided for members of the child protection alert system, including knowledge of the nature of violence, its impact on victims, recognition of trauma symptoms and appropriate victim support.

6. In accordance with the term of the Lanzarote Convention, which has also been ratified and transposed by the Hungarian Government, the designation of the offense of child pornography under Section 204 of the Penal Code (Criminal Code) shall be considered a sexual offense against children. investigate and prosecute in the best interests of children and with respect for their rights, and change to “recording child sexual abuse” as recommended by Interpol.

7. It should be mandatory for perpetrators of sexual violence against children to be barred from engaging in occupation in accordance with the Criminal Code. § 52 (including occupations directly or indirectly related to children).

8. In accordance with international practice, in addition to criminal sanctions, perpetrators of sexual violence should, if necessary and justified, be provided (on a voluntary or compulsory basis) with medical, therapeutic and other services, and a toll-free number should be available to call for help. or, if necessary, be referred to a therapy center.

9. Government bodies should convene, with the participation of ministries, partner authorities, NGOs and experts, to develop a separate register of perpetrators of child sexual abuse convictions. The register must be primarily aimed at protecting children and must also comply with the rule of law. Due to the widespread international practice and the expected strong social impact, an impact assessment and wide-ranging professional consultation are strongly recommended.

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