



Progress in protecting CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

challenges and opportunities

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6-7 November 2014

Wednesday, 5 November 2014

Afternoon | **Arrival of participants**

Thursday, 6 November 2014

9.00-10.00	Registration
10.00-10.45	Official opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Loreta Graužinienė, Chairperson of the Seimas• Ms Algimanta Pabendinskienė, Minister of Social Security and Labour• Ms Susie Morgan, Head of Information and Communication, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe• Ms Kristina Miškinienė, Chair of the Social Committee, National Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania• Ms Edita Žiobienė, Children's rights Ombudsperson of the Republic of Lithuania
10.45-12.15	Plenary session I: Protecting the rights of the child: preventing and reducing all forms of violence against children through the effective enforcement of legal frameworks <p>Moderator: representative from the Ministry of Social Security and Labour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Lithuanian case: the interplay of international instruments, national legislation and policies, child protection system and prevention mechanisms to stop violence against children Mr Algirdas Šešelgis Vice-Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania• Strengthening protection of children's rights: the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child The Lanzarote Convention and other Council of Europe standard setting instruments, Mr Bragi Guðbrandsson, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Convention, Iceland• Towards universal legal prohibition of violent punishment of children Ms Christine Dodd, End all Corporal Punishment of Children, United Kingdom• Ensuring an accessible and child-friendly justice system for child victims of violence Ms Ankie Vandekerckhove, Member of the drafting group of the Council of Europe Guidelines on child-friendly justice, Belgium
12.15-13.45	Lunch

13.45-15.45	<p>Plenary session II: Combatting sexual violence against children: good practices in preventing sexual abuse, reporting and ensuring investigation proceedings which are in the best interest of the child</p> <p>Moderator: representative from the Ministry of Social Security and Labour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithuanian implementation of the EU directive and the Lanzarote Convention: the challenges and opportunities Mr Paulius Griciūnas, Vice-Minister of Justice, Lithuania • The Protection of Children's Personal Life in Sexual Abuse Cases and the Provision of their Safety and Healthcare Ms Asta Dervinyte-Bongarzoni MD, PhD, An interim chief of the Department of Methodology at the National Service of Forensic Psychiatry under the Lithuanian Ministry of Health • Child Advocacy Centres (Children's Houses) for professionals working with children Mr Bragi Guðbrandsson, General Director, Government Agency for Child Protection, Iceland • Sexually abused children's rights in criminal proceedings Ms Dainora Miliūtė, Prosecutor of the Criminal Prosecution Department at the Lithuanian Prosecutor General's Office • Transnational child protection – a challenge and practice Ms Turid Heiberg, Head of Children's Unit, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat
15.45-16.15	Coffee Break
16.15-17.45	<p>Plenary session III: Responses to violence against children in the home and family</p> <p>Moderator: representative from the Ministry of Social Security and Labour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence by and towards children and young people – intervention and prevention of violence in relationships Ms Lene Stavngaard, "Dialogue Against Violence, AskovFonden", Denmark • Eliminating harmful practices: protecting children from corporal punishment Ms Gabriela Alexandrescu, Executive President of Save the Children, Romania • Sexually abused child as a source of evidence in criminal proceedings: Lithuanian case realities Ms Dovile Murauskienė, Assistant to the President of the Criminal Division at the Lithuanian Court of Appeal • Protecting children and supporting families; addressing the needs of children in street situations Ms Ina Verzivoli, Chairperson, State Agency on protection of Children's Rights, Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, Tirana, Albania

Friday, 7 November 2014

9.00-09.30	Registration of new participants
9.30-11.00	<p>Plenary session IV: Children and young people as agents of change: empowering children to combat all forms of violence against them</p> <p>Moderator: representative from the Ministry of Social Security and Labour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting citizenship and guaranteeing children's participation Representative from the Ministry of Social Security and Labour • Children's participation in combating various forms of violence, good practice from Lithuania Honorary president Prof. dr. Giedrė Kvieskienė, NGO for Children Confederation • Raising awareness and empowering children and young people through human rights and citizenship education Mrs Angela Tesileanu, Head of Curriculum Department, Institute for Education Sciences, Bucharest, Romania
11.00-12.00	Fair of ideas "I am here and now" organised by the NGO Confederation, Youth and children activities Lithuania (and coffee break)
12.00-12.30	<p>Closing session and conclusions</p> <p>Representative of the Lithuanian authorities</p>

