



LAUREATES & LEADERS
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A COMMITMENT TO URGENT ACTION FOR CHILDREN

We, as Laureates and Leaders, call for a revolution in society's soul in the way we treat children and young people, united and urgent in action to create a child-friendly world because every single child matters.

We,

- Urge immediate scaling up of efforts to eliminate slavery, trafficking and child labour.
- Stress upon nations to step up peace building and financing efforts with a reduction of global military expenditure by 10% a year to start with, in order to fund education, health, nutrition and all other child-related United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).
- Demand ambitious and measurable time-bound commitments from governments, international organisations, civil society and the private sector to prioritise children on the move, especially refugees, and ensure their education, protection, nutrition, physical and mental health.
- Demand increased funding, coordination and accountability for agencies and programmes focused on people on the move, human trafficking, slavery and labour to realise innovative approaches and solutions.
- Ask for a legally binding global convention against online child sexual abuse, backed by a new Global Task Force against online child pornography, child sexual abuse and child trafficking to provide victims with holistic support.
- Call for the strengthening and expansion of the global database and registry of traffickers hosted by Interpol to combat trafficking, and for the creation of an online policy tracker that monitors legislation on trafficking, child labour and abuse as well as enforcement of that legislation.
- Highlight the need to ensure accountability by governments and international organisations in meeting their commitments to protect children and in ensuring justice in cases of crimes against children.
- Support youth leadership and urge governments to integrate human rights education into national curricula so that the next generation is aware of their rights and empowered to assert them.

To ignite hope in all our children, we will listen to and amplify the voices and dreams of children and young people and share their successes.

We resolve to deliver our demands to every head of state and government, to the United Nations General Assembly and other relevant fora to the global civil society, and to every corner of the world, inspired and empowered by the aspirations of all the world's children

Every single child matters. If we fail our children, we will fail our present and sacrifice our future.

Every single minute matters. We must act now as:

- 152 million child labourers toil for the profit of others at the expense of their own freedom, education, and childhood; and millions are trapped in modern-day slavery.
- 263 million children are not in school. Many go to school hungry and are unable to learn.
- 50 million children have been uprooted and are on the move, driven by war, violence, lack of opportunity and climate change.
- 3 million children under the age of 5 die each year from malnutrition. Approximately 7,500 children die needlessly every day from curable diseases. For millions more basic health care and clean drinking water are distant realities.

As Nobel Laureates and World Leaders, this is our individual and collective will for a just, compassionate and child-friendly world, where every child can be free, safe, healthy, educated and empowered. This is our moral imperative.

We unite as one global voice for every single child matters.

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