

THE RIO RESOLUTION

STREET CHILD GAMES 2016

Signatories: thirty-one former street children from: Brazil, Argentina, Great Britain, Egypt, Burundi, Mozambique, Pakistan, India and the Philippines

The General Assembly of the Street Child Games, meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 15-18 March 2016:

Reminding nations of their commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that all children are entitled to all rights, regardless of their circumstances,

Guided by delegates' personal experiences of living or working on the streets, and representing others still on the streets worldwide:

Emphasising specific rights most frequently denied to children living or working on the streets: **the right to Protection from Violence** (article 19), **the right to Education** (articles 28 & 29), **the right to a Legal Identity** (articles 7 & 8),

Declares that violence is a result of not being listened to. Governments must work with street-connected children to create laws that prevent them from being subjected to violence and abuse

Demands that all police training includes how to understand and relate to street-connected children, and that this training invites the participation of street children themselves

Urges that governments stop forcing street-connected children into 'care centres', which only continue to put us at risk of physical and emotional violence

Asserts that street children have the right to education. All governments should ensure enrolment of street children in schools, regardless of background, identity papers or resources, and support families to enable children to stay in school

Advises that teacher-training must include understanding the emotional and educational needs of street-connected children

Reminds governments that schools should be a place of safety for children. The Assembly demands that governments ban corporal punishment and emotional abuse in schools.

Emphasises that every child has the right to be a full citizen, regardless of whether they have a home or an address

Recommends that specialist services must be provided to enable street-connected children to possess a legal identity; this process must be simple and free. We must appear on the national census

Proclaims that street-connected children need love, respect, and to be seen.

"We too have values, beliefs, morals and principles. We will be listened to."

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