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## INVITATION: WEPROTECT 2024 GLOBAL SUMMIT

## Keeping future generations of children safe from exploitation and abuse online

Dear Minister,

We are currently facing a global crisis. More than 300 million children a year are estimated to be victims of online sexual abuse and exploitation. It has never been more critical to drive global, transformative change to enable children to safely enjoy all the benefits of the digital world.

## On 4-5 December, WeProtect Global Alliance's 2024 Global Summit, co-hosted by the Ministry of Interior of the United Arab Emirates, will take place in Abu Dhabi. The 2024 Global Summit is our collective opportunity, as global leaders and senior decision-makers, to create a different future for children online.

WeProtect Global Alliance unites 102 governments, 76 private sector and technology companies, 121 civil society organizations, and 10 intergovernmental organizations in a collective mission to safeguard children in the digital age.

Our biennial summit provides an opportunity to foster collaboration and candid conversations among Ministers, innovators, tech leaders, civil society organisations, policymakers, and emerging changemakers. Covering topics from future risks to prevention, emerging technology, AI, law enforcement, legislation, regulation and more, this year's Summit will be thought-provoking and action-oriented, driving real change for future generations.

We would cordially like to invite you to participate in the 2024 Global Summit as a testament to your Government's ongoing leadership in child protection. We are eager to have a strong representation from Governments across the world and to hear your valuable insights.

At the Summit, you will have the opportunity to:

- Secure commitments from over 200 governments, private sector entities, and civil society organisations to intensify their efforts against child sexual abuse.
- Explore regional regulations and their impact on combating child sexual abuse, including insights into upcoming regulation and legislation.
- Engage in meaningful collaborations, exchange best practices, and enhance your strategies for addressing child sexual abuse.
- Hear directly from young people and survivors, whose powerful calls to action will help shape future policy responses.

We hope you will consider joining us in person or participate online via our virtual platform.

This event promises to be a pivotal moment in our collective fight against online child sexual abuse. If you are able to attend, we could be happy to explore speaking opportunities should you wish. A high level summary of the Summit agenda is attached for reference.

It would be appreciated if you could please confirm your attendance or inability to attend by emailing <u>globalsummit@weprotectga.org</u> with the name of a contact person to liaise with. We will then provide these details to the Ministry of the Interior who will support your travel and accommodation and coordinate your visit in line with relevant official protocols.

We do hope you will be able to join us in working together towards a safer world for all children.

Yours sincerely

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