



H.E. Signe Riisalo
Minister for Social Protection
Estonia

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Excellency,

We have the honour to refer to the issue of investing in integrated approaches to ensuring children's protection and wellbeing.

The Ministry of Education and Children of Iceland and the Office of the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children have a cooperation agreement related to this theme.

Within the framework of this cooperation, we have been engaging with States across different regions to promote the investment case for preventing and ending violence against children, to identify examples of good practice and to facilitate the exchange of experience.

Building on this engagement, we are seeking to convene an online high-level roundtable bringing together States that have expressed interest in this theme and the work being pursued by the Ministry of Education and Children in Iceland and the Office of the Special Representative. The principal aim of the roundtable is to identify opportunities to mobilize other States and stakeholders to promote the investment case for ending violence against children in 2024 and beyond. The discussions will also provide an opportunity to facilitate peer-learning between States and to seek input from participants on how best to shape the tools being developed in the context of our cooperation agreement.

The online roundtable will take place on 12 March 2024 from 16:00-17:00 Geneva time. It is envisaged that the participation at the roundtable would be at ministerial level, with senior officials and technical experts in attendance to provide support and input as needed. Further details are contained in the enclosed concept note.

We would be honoured to count on your participation in the roundtable. In the event that you are in position to participate, the Ministry of Education and Children in Iceland and the Office of the Special Representative would be very pleased to provide any additional information that may be required. The relevant contacts are Hjördís Þórðardóttir (hjordis.thordardottir@mrn.is) and Mánus de Barra (debarra@un.org). In this connection, we would invite you to identify a focal point with whom our offices can liaise regarding the preparations of the meeting.

We would greatly appreciate an indication of your availability by 29 February 2024 if possible. In the event that you are unable to participate in the roundtable but would like to have a bilateral exchange with either of us, our teams would be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Minister of Education and Children

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General on Violence against Children