

10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Minister,

In the framework of the forthcoming Maltese Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, we are pleased to invite you to the **Informal Conference of Ministers on the 15th Anniversary of the Lanzarote Convention: Achievements, Challenges and a Way Forward to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse**. The Conference will take place in **Valletta, Malta, on the 1st of July 2025**, preceded by an official welcoming dinner hosted on **the evening of 30th June 2025**.

This high-level gathering will provide a platform to reflect on key achievements, address emerging challenges and reinforce our commitment to eradicating the sexual exploitation and abuse of children. Discussions will focus on progress made under the Convention, strategies to prevent harm and protect children and ways to address emerging threats, including those posed by new technologies. The Conference will also explore avenues to integrate the Convention into the broader international landscape. The meeting will conclude with the **adoption of an outcome document**, reaffirming our collective responsibility to protect children.

A **Concept Note**, **Draft Agenda** and **Practical Information Note (PIN)** are enclosed. We kindly ask you to confirm your participation by 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and to consider including your respective Lanzarote Committee expert as part of your delegation.

We sincerely hope you will be able to attend the Informal Conference of Ministers on the Lanzarote Convention in Malta.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Falzon

Minister for Social Policy  
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Alain Berset

Secretary General of the  
Council of Europe

For the attention of ministers responsible for  
social policy, family and children's rights of  
all member and observer states  
of the Council of Europe, and of  
Morocco and Tunisia