

Council adopts conclusions on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child

The Council adopted conclusions on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child. These conclusions follow the '**Guidelines for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the Child (2017) - Leave No Child Behind**' adopted by the Council on 6 March 2017. With these guidelines, the EU reaffirmed its commitment to comprehensively protect and promote the rights of the child in its external human rights policy.

In line with the guidelines, the conclusions focus on promoting gender equality, ensuring the **empowerment of girls**, mainstreaming the **rights of the child in all sectors** and in all programming, and **encouraging partner countries** to adopt a national strategy on the rights of the child. The Council reaffirms the EU's support for the work of relevant international and regional actors in the field of children's rights, in particular within the United Nations framework. The Council reaffirms the EU's active engagement in the processes protecting the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all **refugee and migrant children**.

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