

STATEMENT OF ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS TO TACKLE ONLINE CSE: ABU DHABI WEPROTECT SUMMIT 16-17 NOVEMBER 2015

We, the leaders of countries and international organisations gathered in the United Arab Emirates, believe that online child sexual exploitation is a heinous crime that demands a coordinated global response.

We reaffirm and endorse the Statement of Action of the London WePROTECT Summit in December 2014, which sets out our commitment to take action to identify and protect victims, remove child sexual abuse material from the internet and strengthen cooperation to track down the perpetrators of this abuse. But we now want to go further.

To this end, we support the recommendations of the WePROTECT International Advisory Board, and agree to establish and develop, in our own countries, a coordinated national response to online child sexual exploitation, guided by the WePROTECT Model National Response, that will ensure:

- The highest level of national response to online child sexual exploitation, including preventing wider child sexual exploitation and abuse;
- Effective prevention programmes, investigations and prosecutions, safeguarding of victims and offender management;
- Appropriate support services for children and young people;
- Legislation or policies that will support technology companies' efforts to remove child sexual abuse material from the internet, including through the development of technological solutions;
- Greater awareness and understanding amongst the public and professionals working with children.

In support of this, we commit to:

- Drive our national responses by establishing multi-stakeholder bodies that bring together all of those with a responsibility to protect children online;
- Publish an analysis of our own national response, including our implementation of the WePROTECT commitments, and use this to develop our capabilities;
- Make use of the shared knowledge and resources of the WePROTECT community to develop our national response, requesting support from the Global Fund to End Violence Against Children and coordinating our support for such capacity building as appropriate.

We recognise the need to sustain WePROTECT as a major international initiative to improve the global capacity to tackle the sexual exploitation of children online, and have agreed to:

- Support the establishment, by March 2016, of an Advisory Board, supported by a secretariat, responsible to all those who have signed up to WePROTECT, and which will support the implementation of commitments made at the London and Abu Dhabi Summits and oversee future development of this initiative;
- Meet biennially at Ministerial level to review our progress and agree action to tackle emerging threats to children from sexual exploitation online;

- Represent the importance of tackling online child sexual exploitation and WePROTECT within all relevant global forums.

Agreed by:

Albania

Australia

Austria

Bosnia &
Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Canada

Cambodia

People's Republic
of China

Colombia

Costa Rica

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

France

Ghana

Hungary

Indonesia

INTERPOL

Ireland

Italy

Japan

Jordan

Kingdom of Saudi
Arabia

Kosovo

Kuwait

Montenegro

Namibia

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Netherlands
New Zealand
Peru
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Romania
Rwanda
Slovakia
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