

Annex 10:



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COMMITMENT TO THE 116 111 EUROPEAN NUMBER FOR CHILD HELPLINES

SOS II Telefono Azzurro ONLUS seeks to empower and support children using the medium of telecommunications and information technologies. SOS II Telefono Azzurro ONLUS provides a means to respond to children in need of care and protection and voice their concerns.

In a world without borders, with new challenges and threats for children and youth, it needs a collective and international effort to protect and enhance the basic rights of children. "Article 12" of the *United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)* states the right of every child to be heard. A toll free and harmonized number for child helplines that can be accessed from any phone in Europe would directly contribute to the implementation of Article 12 UNCRC. Therefore Child Helpline International (CHI) is applying for a harmonized 116 111 number on behalf of its membership.

Once the number is reserved for child helplines and the National Telecom Regulator asks for applications in Italy, SOS II Telefono Azzurro ONLUS commits itself to apply for the number.

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