

TO: United Nations  
CRC - Convention on the Rights of the Child  
89 Session (17 Jan 2022 - 11 Feb 2022)  
Palais Wilson, Ground Floor Conference Room  
Geneva, Switzerland

Per mail: [civilsociety@ohchr.org](mailto:civilsociety@ohchr.org); [InfoDesk@ohchr.org](mailto:InfoDesk@ohchr.org)

Distribution list

Amstelveen, 14 January 2022

*“When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.”*

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

**Re: additional information following the 89th pre-session - The Netherlands**

Dear Sirs,

1. In view of the meetings of the CRC - Convention on the Rights of the Child, 89 Session (17 Jan 2022 - 11 Feb 2022),<sup>1</sup> regarding Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Greece, Kiribati, Madagascar, The Netherlands and Somalia, I wish to send you additional information regarding the situation in the Kingdom of The Netherlands.
2. As a former lawyer, a doctor in Dutch law, a spouse and mother of four children, and a European citizen, I feel a moral obligation and I am dedicated to your mission to promote and protect human rights and help to put an end to unimaginable crimes that threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world and beyond. *“We will never, ever give up making this world better for everyone, everywhere.”*
3. Even today, I feel very much inspired by the example set by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt:  
*“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. ... Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.”*

---

<sup>1</sup> [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1400&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1400&Lang=en)

4. As a lawyer, I tried to provide adequate and effective legal assistance to parents and their children in the Dutch system of Child Protection Services in 2020 and 2021. This system is characterized by false files, perverted financial incentives, and also by violence, (sexual) abuse and forced medical and psychological/behavioral experiments, and by daily bullying, threats, intimidations and retaliations from the part of the State against children and their parents.
5. Unfortunately, even the Dutch courts consider themselves (supply) chain partners, and the trials before the family courts do not meet the requirements that the child's interest is their primary consideration (article 3.1 UN Children's Treaty; with rare exceptions there is no independent and impartial judiciary review of cases (article 37 sub d UN Children's Treaty) and consequently no fair trials (article 6 ECHR). On 30 December 2021, I requested the Amsterdam Deacon of the Dutch Bar Association, under protest, to disbar me.
6. A number of civil society organizations - *no less than 109 in total constituting the Dutch NGO Coalition for human rights alone!* (See **Annex 1**) - and a number of public institutions already provided you with information for your Convention on the Rights of the Child 89 Session as of 17 Jan 2022.

| Symbol/Title  | Download                      |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Antillean Federation for Youth Care_NGO_Netherlands_Curacao_PSWG-II   | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Asociacion Trabao di Hubentud na Aruba (ATHA)_Centro di Desaroyo_(CEDE)_NGO_Netherlands_PSWG-I              | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Asociacion Trabao di Hubentud na Aruba (ATHA)_Centro di Desaroyo_(CEDE)_NGO_Netherlands_PSWG-II             | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Dutch National Youth Council_NGO_PSWG_II  | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Dutch National Youth Council_NGO_PSWG_I   | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights_Additional Annex_Information following the Pre-session_PSWG       | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights_NGO_Annex_PSWG  | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights_NGO_PSWG_I  | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights_NGO_PSWG_II   | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Heart-Centered Leadership Foundation_NGO_Netherlands_Aruba_PSWG   | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Institute for Statelessness and Inclusion_ASKV_NGO_PSWG   | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Netherlands organisation for sex diversity (NNID)_COC Nederland_Transgender Netwerk Nederland_NGO_PSWG_I    | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Netherlands organisation for sex diversity (NNID)_COC Nederland_Transgender Netwerk Nederland_NGO_PSWG_II   | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Partnership of Parents with Child Care (SamenWerkingsVerband van Ouders met Jeugdzorg)_NGO_Netherlands_PSWG | <a href="#">View document</a> |

Info from NHRIs

| Symbol/Title  | Download                      |
|---|-------------------------------|
| National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children_NHRI_Netherlands_PSWG | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Netherlands Institute for Human Rights_NHRI_PSWG  | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| Netherlands Institute for Human Rights_NHRI_PSWG_II   | <a href="#">View document</a> |
| The Ombudsman for Children_NHRI_Netherlands_PSWG_I  | <a href="#">View document</a> |

7. However, as far as I can tell, these organizations are either linked – some more than others – to the (supply) chain partners of Dutch Child Protection services, or they are financially dependent on annual (government) subsidies for their continuation, etc. It is hard to escape the impression that the organizations are more focused on protecting the system and the (commercial) interest of the professionals in the (supply) chain than that they are serving the interest of children and their families, as they do not mention the abuses in Dutch Child Protection Services. They seem to downplay them, turn a blind eye to the abuses or use repression to those who wish the abuses to stop. The voices of the children and parents are not (sufficiently) adopted in the various reports brought to your attention. The last (Swiss) organization is a cooperation of a number of Dutch parents' support associations.<sup>2</sup> "*Parents and children are outlawed and powerless.*"<sup>3</sup> Dutch Child Protection Services is a state in a state. However, the report of the Swiss organization dates from July 2019, and in view of recent developments, an update of the report would be welcome.
8. There have been many developments and revelations of continuous children's rights violations in recent months, even in the past 48 hours.<sup>4</sup> Other lawyers stepped forward and journalists allowed parents' voices to be heard; their stories confirm my criticism on the system, for which I was harshly put down via disciplinary proceedings.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.1limburg.nl/wanbeleid-bij-bureau-jeugdzorg-rechtszaak-dreigt>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.limburger.nl/cnt/dmf20210219\\_94971461](https://www.limburger.nl/cnt/dmf20210219_94971461)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ftm.nl/artikelen/de-zaak-bram>; <https://www.volkskrant.nl/nieuws-achtergrond/is-een-kind-met-spoed-uithuisplaatsen-een-te-hard-middel-hoe-yvonne-al-zes-jaar-strijdt-tegen-het-weghalen-van-haar-zoon-be326627/>

9. None of the reports submitted to you mention the grave and fundamental, systemic, concerns about the rule of law in The Netherlands and the consequences thereof for children's rights. The Report of Commission Van Dam, December 2020 about the Children Tax Allowance Scandal led to the fall of the Dutch government, Rutte III. No one responsible has been brought to justice; in fact all politicians were cleared before the elections in March 2021, and the same (deputy) ministers have been sworn in again, under Rutte IV, at least many of them. The formation of a new government took almost 300 days, during which time the outgoing government passed many controversial laws, was unable to solve scandals such as the Children Tax Allowance Scandal, Groningen natural gas scandal and other scandals, and they appointed a considerable number of Presidents in the Judiciary.
10. The Report of Commission Bosman, January 2021, indicated system failures in many policy areas. Since then, there have been many developments illustrating the problems of the governance culture (repression, culture of fear) and the erosion of the parliamentary democracy (checks and balances within the Trias Politica). I also refer to the Report of the Venice Commission (October 2021), the self reflection reports of the Dutch administrative judges (October 2021) and the Supreme Administrative Council (November 2021). The Chairman of the Dutch Judiciary indicated that the lack of protection by the Dutch courts was a serious matter and the report may be interpreted as an apology by the courts. Older reports, such as the Commission Samson (2014) and Commission De Winter (2019) have not been properly addressed. This is even true for the Commission on Human rights in the Digital Era (2001). One can conclude that their recommendations have not been implemented, and the reports ended up in a bottom drawer, somewhere.
11. The Hague has a special position as a city of peace and justice. The city attracts many government leaders, international organizations, knowledge centers, aid organizations, companies and students. They work together here and share their knowledge. They are working on new ideas to solve global problems. And to build a sustainable future.<sup>5</sup> How is it possible that domestically crimes against humanity can be committed for decades without anyone seeming to notice or even care? How does the Netherlands explain or justify its actions to the United Nations?
12. The answer is: with disinformation. The public and private bodies in the supply chain claim that the parents are threatening the child, and that the parents seek to provoke a conflict. And that the troop build-up, the tanks and heavy artillery from the side of Dutch Child Protection Services are all purely defensive. That's like the fox saying it had to attack the henhouse because its occupants somehow pose a threat. We've seen this gas-lighting before. When The Netherlands changed the Youth Care Act in 2015 (decentralization), it claimed that the parents were the aggressors to justify pre-planned military action, which took away the last control of government spending by the municipalities. It was all carefully planned and premeditated, with knowledge of the perverse financial incentives and with some additional mumbling about good people in a bad system. The heavy artillery even includes a national secret police force, erected in 2013 and since then maintained in close cooperation with the Dutch Association of Municipalities (VNG), which is not mentioned either by any of the civil societies organizations! Not even the Dutch Bar Association or the Committee on Human Rights have ever expressed their concerns about it. The industry is embedded in all levels of society, and by an ongoing show of power they are allowed to repress any and all attempt to discuss the crimes against humanity, the violence against women and girls, the damaging of children, and the continuous undermining of human dignity.
13. On 19 March 2021, I filed a petition with the Dutch Public Prosecution for crimes committed by the Dutch Child Protection Services. On 12 April 2021 I filed a petition with the Office of the Prosecutors of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, requesting to prosecute the Netherlands for crimes against humanity. This information has not been shared with you by the 109+ civil societies organizations either, which is regrettable, and also remarkable. It is yet another illustration of the Dutch governance culture (of silence and fear, and of high rewards) under the Rutte regime.

---

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.denhaag.nl/nl/bestuur-en-organisatie/stad-van-vrede-en-recht/den-haag-internationale-stad-van-vrede-en-recht.htm>

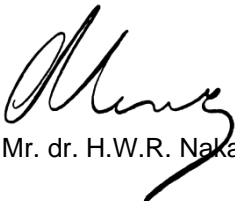
14. I am concerned that you have not been provided, or hardly at all, with solid information about the structural problems and the massive scale of human rights violations, in relation to more than 15,000 compulsorily abandoned and/or adopted children since 1956, more than 42,000 children currently placed out of their homes via the courts (and in total approximately 95,000 children placed out of their homes according to the government via the unlawful 'voluntary placements') and the 450,000 placed under State supervision, possibly twice this number again via so-called 'voluntary' framework!, the 3,000 children locked up in closed youth care institutions (youth prisons), 2,500 disappeared asylum children, and/or 70,000 child allowances affair victim and other victims. They have been disenfranchised. The children are financially exploited. We cannot continue to sweep these problems under the carpet. And the industry is about to take over our education system as a whole.
15. The Dutch State invests heavily in perception management (EU Rule of law report 2021), rather than upholding the rule of law and protecting human rights:  
*The Dutch justice system continues to be characterised by a very high level of perceived judicial independence, and efforts continue to further foster the quality of justice.*  
*As last year, the Netherlands continues to be perceived as one of the least corrupt countries in the EU and the world. Integrity is a key component of the framework governing the public administration. In 2020, an extensive programme on combating subversive organised crime was launched, including a holistic approach to prevent, detect and sanction corruption, after investigations showed that criminals are actively looking to exercise undue influence on civil servants.*
16. In addition to the information provided to you by the Civil Society Organizations, I therefore wish to send you additional information and give a voice to the children and the parents who are – structurally – ignored, let alone listened to. This information will be provided to you in the form of a selection of letters and other documents I wrote in the past two years on the topic (more information is available).
17. In these letters and documents, I also provide information about the designed system failures, which lead to grave infringements of the UN Children's Treaty and other human rights treaties, on a massive scale. In The Kingdom of The Netherlands the problems are no regrettable, unavoidable incidents which are timely corrected by the courts, but they show a pattern of the cooperation of all chain partners, including the Judiciary, to large scale abuses and crimes against children and their families. The reports submitted to you contain misleading terminology, f.e. "sometimes" (=almost always) and "not always" (=hardly ever), and they fail to mention that human rights violations are the modus operandi and the direct result of intentional, damaging legislation, directives, policies and procedures, and a complete lack of protection by the family judges.
18. One example thereof is the contact ban between children and their parents in the first year of a family separation,<sup>6</sup> which is in fact an example of an intentional policy of parental alienation and an infringement of article 9.3 UN Children's Treaty and a default modus operandi. All in all, the Dutch Child Protection Services goes against human dignity as described in article 1 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
19. From the information provided to you today, it is also clear that many reorganizations of Dutch Child Protection Services have indeed taken place over the past decades. However, none of them were designed to improve the legal position of the children and their parents, and that there is no intention to change this in the short term. This is all clearly described and explained in the book (dissertation 2013) 'Tyranny in Dutch Child Protection Services' by dr. M.A.J. Clarijs.
20. Whistleblowers, regardless whether they are children and parents, lawyers, doctors, psychologists and/or employees of the system and their (supply) chain partners, put their lives, their work and their families in jeopardy, and risk to be targeted by the Dutch State (Rutte Doctrine). Some were forced to flee abroad and are being hunted down, even today.

---

<sup>6</sup> <https://nos.nl/artikel/2412999-defence-for-children-uit-huis-geplaatste-kinderen-krijgen-niet-juiste-hulp>

21. Every year, the Roosevelt Foundation in Middelburg and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in New York present the so-called 'Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards'. These are intended for men, women and organizations that give inspiring substance to the Four Freedoms of Franklin D. Roosevelt: Freedom of speech, Freedom of religion, Freedom from want and Freedom from fear. The Roosevelt Foundation sees in Mrs. SviatlanaTsikhanouskaya a true leader of the democratic movement, which gives the people of White Russia a voice and hope for a better future in which the rule of law and fundamental human rights are respected. "Their commitment and courage are an example to others living in difficult conditions in countries where human rights and democratic values are violated."<sup>7</sup>
22. "David Sassoli was a man of deep faith and strong convictions. Everyone loved his smile and his kindness, yet he knew how to fight for what he believed in. In 1989, he was in Berlin, among the young Europeans when the Wall came down. And ever since, he has stood on the side of democracy and of a united Europe. In over a decade of service in the European Parliament, he constantly defended our Union and its values. But he also believed that Europe had to strive for more. He wanted Europe to be more united, closer to its people, more faithful to our values. That is his legacy. And that is how I will remember him. As a champion of justice and solidarity, and a dear friend."<sup>8</sup>
23. There are many dark clouds over Europe and human rights are infringed in many countries, notably in France, Germany, Italy and Austria. Limitations on personal integrity, the freedom of speech and the freedom of movement are just examples on how the Member States are not respecting the basic human rights. The repression and retaliations are felt throughout society, by a coordinated policy of fear mongering.
24. I am sending you the following documents from the period 2020/2021 for your further review:
  1. Letter dated 21 July 2020 to the President of the European Commission;
  2. Letter dated 24 September 2020 to the President of the European Commission;
  3. Letter dated 18 November 2020 regarding the dysfunctioning of the rule of law in The Netherlands;
  4. Letter dated 1 November 2021 to the Amsterdam Deacon of the Dutch Bar Association;
  5. Letter dated 1 November 2021 to the Disciplinary Court of Appeal for lawyers;
    - 5.1 Annex 1 Developments and revelations after 4 October 2021;
    - 5.2 List of grounds for out of home placements in The Netherlands;
  6. Request, under protest, to Amsterdam Deacon of the Dutch Bar Association to be disbarred;
  7. Accompanying e-mails;
  - A. Criminal report with the Dutch Public Prosecutors Office regarding crimes in Dutch Child Protection Services (including Annex A);
  - B. Letter to ICC filing requesting the prosecution of crimes against humanity.
25. I trust the information provided above will help you to have a more complete understanding of the situation in the Kingdom of The Netherlands, and understand the gap between perception and reality.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. dr. H.W.R. Nakad-Weststrate, *human rights advocate*

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.fourfreedoms.nl/nl/nieuws/bericht:sviatlana-tsikhanouskaya-ontvangt-de-internationale-four-freedoms-award.htm>; <https://www.fourfreedoms.nl/en/four-freedoms/eleanor-roosevelt-and-the-universal-declaration-of.htm>

<sup>8</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement\\_22\\_301](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_22_301)

## ANNEX 1 \_ Signatories of Dutch NGO Coalition

Annex to the Written inputs to the State report  
Fifth NGO report of the Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

### Consulted experts

Through the Coalition for Children's Rights, organisations join forces to protect the interests of the child and supervise the safeguarding of children's rights in Dutch law, policy and practice. The Coalition consists of key members Defence for Children, Kinderpostzegels, the National Youth Council, Save the Children, Terre des Hommes Netherlands and National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands, and has the Netherlands Youth Institute as their advisor. Besides its key members, the Coalition has many other partners.

### Authors

#### Coordination and editing

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Brigitte Boswinkel       | Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights |
| Beata Karpinska          | Terre des Hommes Netherlands              |
| Caroline van de Wetering | Save the Children                         |
| Carrie van der Kroon     | Defence for Children                      |
| Daniëlle de Jong         | Defence for Children                      |
| Esther Polhuijs          | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands |
| Manal Zekari             | Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights |

### General implementation measures

#### Reservations and legislation

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Caroline van de Wetering | Save the Children                         |
| Esther Polhuijs          | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands |
| Maartje Berger           | Defence for Children                      |

#### Coordination and decentralisation

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Maartje Berger    | Defence for Children  |
| Caroline Vink     | Netherlands Youth Institute   |
| Giulia Giacometti | National Youth Council (NJR)  |
| Janet van Bavel   | Expert in multidisciplinary approach to child abuse and domestic violence |

#### Collecting data

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Erik Jan de Wilde | Netherlands Youth Institute |
| Bas Tierolf       | Verwey-Jonker Institute     |
| Lenneke Alink     | University Leiden           |
| Marloes Kleinjan  | Trimbos-institute           |

#### Children's rights education

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Esther Polhuijs | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands               |
| Femke de Koning | Anne Frank House  |
| Franka Olujic   | Nederlands Juristen Comité voor de Mensenrechten (NJCM) |
| Harry Ridder    | Centrum voor Mondiaal Onderwijs                         |
| Jantine Walst   | Defence for Children                                    |
| Klaske Schram   | Amnesty International Dutch Section                     |
| Philo Offermans | Movies that Matter                                      |



*The business community and child labour*

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Josette Hermans    | Save the Children  |
| Celine Verheijen   | Defence for Children-ECPAT   |
| Eva Smulders       | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands  |
| Gine Zwart         | Arisa  |
| Jan van de Venis   | JustLaw, Stand Up For Your Rights and acting Ombudsperson for Future Generations |
| Joyce Brummelman   | Plan International Nederland   |
| Pieter Dirk Dekker | Help a Child   |

*BES islands*

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| La-Toya Charles         | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands             |
| Anoek Hansen            | Expertisecenter Onderwijs Zorg Bonaire                |
| Mick Schmit             | Stichting Project (FORSA)                             |
| Timoteo Silberie        | Foundation for professional childcare in Bonaire      |
| Camelia Berkel-Dembrook | Expertise Centre Education Care St.Eustatius          |
| Kenneth Cuvalay         | Foundation The Quill                                  |
| Johan Schaeffer         | Body, Mind & Spirit - ASGS Foundation                 |
| Ludwina Charles         | After School Care, Saba Girls and Boys Sports Society |
| Sapphire Ramkissoon     | Child Focus Foundation                                |

**General principles**

*Discrimination*

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Carrie van der Kroon  | Defence for Children                               |
| Ellen-Rose Kambel     | Rutu Foundation, advancing mother tongue education |
| Jessica van Zadelhoff | COC Netherlands                                    |
| José Smits            | Het Gehandicapte Kind (NSGK)                       |

*Youth participation*

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Giulia Giacometti    | Nationale Jeugdraad (NJR)   |
| Camee van Comperen   | Learning for Well-being Foundation  |
| Eline van der Meulen | Stichting JongPIT   |
| Eva Saeboe           | Innovatienetwerk Jeugd   Regio Hart van Brabant   |
| Geeske Strating      | Stichting Alexander   |
| Janine Pinget        | Stichting Kind en Ziekenhuis  |
| Lindsay Vogelzang    | Choice for Youth and Sexuality  |
| Malou Luchtenberg    | Beatrix Kinderziekenhuis / UMC Groningen  |
| Mourad El Otmani     | Young Amsterdam   |
| Myrna Lemmen         | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands   |
| Renske van Luijn     | 125Procent  |
| Vicky Verschoor      | ZonMw   |
| Wendy Schrama        | Universiteit Utrecht  |
| Willeke van Sleeuwen | Netherlands Youth Institute   |
| Willemijn Dupuis     | Stichting Kinderrechten en Menselijke Ontwikkeling: KinderrechtenNU en het Nederlands Genootschap van Kinderburgemeesters |

**Civil rights and freedoms**

*Statelessness*

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Caia Vlieks | Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion |
| Jelle Klaas | PILP-NJCM                                |

**Violence against children**

*Violence against children*

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Janet van Bavel | Expert in a multidisciplinary approach to child abuse and domestic violence |
|-----------------|---|

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Caroline Vink          | Netherlands Youth Institute  |
| Coby van der Kooij     | Netherlands' Ombudsman for Children  |
| Debbie Maas            | Veilig Thuis   |
| Kim van Laar           | Team-Kim   |
| La-Toya Charles        | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands  |
| Levi van Dam           | Stichting JIM en Universiteit van Amsterdam  |
| Lian Smits             | Sterk Huis   |
| Maartje Berger         | Defence for Children   |
| Marianne Volaart       | Inventoz   |
| Mariëlle Dekker        | Augeo Foundation   |
| Marjke Bleeker         | Nationaal Rapporteur Mensenhandel en Seksueel Geweld tegen Kinderen  |
| Marjon Donkers         | Marjon Donkers Coaching en Advies  |
| Remy Vink<br>onderzoek | TNO Nederlandse Organisatie voor toegepast-natuurwetenschappelijk  |
| Rhea Verheul           | Netherlands' Ombudsman for Children  |
| Suzanne Kok            | Nationaal Rapporteur Mensenhandel en Seksueel Geweld tegen Kinderen  |
| Tea Hol                | LVAK Landelijke Vakgroep Aandachtsfunctionarissen Huiselijk geweld en<br>Kinder mishandeling                                 |
| Willemijn Dupuis       | Stichting Kinderrechten en Menselijke Ontwikkeling: KinderrechtenNU en het<br>Nederlands Genootschap van Kinderburgemeesters |
| Ytje Hokwerda          | Defence for Children   |

#### LGBTI children

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Jessica van Zadelhoff | COC Nederland                                      |
| Bente Keulen          | NNID Nederlandse organisatie voor seksediversiteit |
| Sophie Schers         | Transgender Netwerk Nederland (TNN)                |

#### **Family and alternative care**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Eva Huls              | Defence for Children                                   |
| Joliska Hellinga      | Advies- en Klachtenbureau Jeugdzorg (AKJ)              |
| Carola Bodenstaff     | Jeugdzorg Nederland                                    |
| Cindy Koole           | Vereniging van Nederlandse Jeugdrechtsadvocaten (VNJA) |
| mr. E.A.A van Kalveen | Chair expert group of juvenile judges/                 |
| June de Groot         | Defence for Children                                   |
| Mariëlle Bruning      | Universiteit Leiden                                    |
| Reinier Feiner        | Vereniging Sociale Advocatuur Nederland (VSAN)         |

#### **Children with disabilities**

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Jantine Walst  | Defence for Children |
| Ina Vijzelman  | Ieder(in)            |
| Silke Kuijpers | Per Saldo            |
| Thijs Hardick  | Ieder(in)            |

#### **Health and wellbeing**

##### Infant mortality

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Professor emeritus Koos van der Velden | Public Health Radboud UMC Nijmegen |
|--|------------------------------------|

##### ADHD and ADD

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Expert group ADHD/ADD      | Kenniscentrum Kinder- en Jeugdpsychiatrie |
| Barbara van den Hoofdakker | Accare and RUG                            |
| Dion Leiblum               | Altrecht                                  |
| Els van den Ban            | Karakter                                  |
| Jaap Oosterlaan            | VU Amsterdam                              |
| Nanda Lambregts-Rommelse   | Karakter                                  |
| Pieter Hoekstra            | Accare and UMCG                           |

##### Overweight



|  |  |
|--|--|
| Leonie Barels                                    | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands                          |
| Annegre de Roos                                  | Save the Children  |
| Bianca Schoonbeek                                | Maag Lever Darm Stichting  |
| Carolien Martens                                 | Hartstichting  |
| Frieda van der Jagt                              | Diabetes Fonds   |
| Gerda Feunekes                                   | Voedingscentrum  |
| Gertrude Zeinstra                                | onderzoeker voedingsgedrag bij kinderen                            |
| Hanno Pijl                                       | Leids Universitair Medisch Centrum                                 |
| Hester Rippen                                    | Stichting Kind en Ziekenhuis                                       |
| Raquel Abrahams                                  | AJN Jeugdartsen Nederland  |
| Renate Dietvorst                                 |  |
| Roy van der Ploeg                                | Maag Lever Darm Stichting  |
| Wilrike Pasman                                   | Nederlandse Associatie voor de Studie van Overgewicht              |
| <br>   |  |
| <u><i>Air pollution</i></u>                      |  |
| Jan van de Venis                                 | JustLaw, Stand Up For Your Rights and acting Ombudsperson for      |
| Future Generations                               |  |
| <br>   |  |
| <u><i>Mental health</i></u>                      |  |
| Giulia Giacometti                                | Nationale Jeugdraad (NJR)  |
| Djiewke Verseput                                 | de Nederlandse ggz, Waardenetwerk Gezond opgroeien                 |
| Eline Kolijn                                     | Samen Sterk zonder Stigma  |
| Esther Polhuijs                                  | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands                          |
| Hannah Boerstra                                  | Diversion  |
| Ivet Pieper                                      | Stichting Alexander  |
| Leonie Burggraaf                                 | #ikbenOpen   |
| Marjonneke de Vetten                             | de Nederlandse ggz, Waardenetwerk Internationaal verbinden / Dutch |
| International Mental Health Hub                  |  |
| Maurits Boote                                    | ExpEx  |
| Merel Spijkerman                                 | Alles is Gezondheid  |
| Mirjam Bekker-Stoop                              | Stichting Open Mind  |
| Mohini Awadhpersad                               | National Youth Council (NJR)                                       |
| Sara van der Weerd                               | Kenniscentrum Kinder- en Jeugdpsychiatrie                          |
| <br>   |  |
| <u><i>Sexual health</i></u>                      |  |
| Ilze Smit  | Rutgers  |
| <br>   |  |
| <u><i>Substance use and gaming addiction</i></u> |  |
| Marloes Kleinjan                                 | Trimbos-instituut  |
| Gera Nagelhout                                   | Instituut voor Onderzoek naar Leefwijzen & Verslaving (IVO)        |
| Renske Spijkerman                                | Parnassia Groep Academie en Brijder Verslavingszorg                |
| Simone Onrust                                    | Trimbos-instituut  |
| Tony van Rooij                                   | Trimbos-instituut  |
| <br>   |  |
| <u><i>Combatting poverty</i></u>                 |  |
| Caroline van de Wetering                         | Save the Children  |
| Astrid Huygen                                    | Vereniging van stichtingen Leergeld in Nederland                   |
| Carina Buit                                      | Nationaal Fonds Kinderhulp   |
| Caro Kroonen                                     | Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur   |
| Elles van der Gaag                               | Sam& voor alle kinderen  |
| Eva Huls   | Defence for Children   |
| Gaby van den Biggelaar                           | Vereniging van stichtingen Leergeld in Nederland                   |
| Irene Verspeek                                   | Armoedefonds   |
| Kim Houben                                       | Divosa   |
| Martijn Schut                                    | Martijn Schut Advies Sociaal Domein                                |
| Monique Maks                                     | Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur   |
| Paulien Lensink                                  | Stichting Halt   |
| Robin Koper                                      | Speaking Minds   |

## Education and leisure

### Inclusive education

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Jantine Walst         | Defence for Children                               |
| Ellen-Rose Kambel     | Rutu Foundation, advancing mother tongue education |
| Femke van Zoggel      | Stichting JongPIT                                  |
| Gepke Boezaard        | Ieder(in)  |
| Hans Spekman          | Jeugdeducatiefonds                                 |
| Hilde Kalthoff        | Netherlands Youth Institute                        |
| Jacqueline Schoonheim | Het Gehandicapte Kind                              |
| José Smits            | Het Gehandicapte Kind                              |
| Willy de Heer         | Stichting Kenniscentrum voor Makkelijk Lerenden    |

### Leisure and recreation

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Froukje Hajer           | Platform Ruimte voor de Jeugd/ adviseur jeugdbeleid Kind, spel & ruimte |
| Cerunne Bouts           | Speeltuinbende/ Het Gehandicapte Kind                                   |
| Dirk Vermeulen          | Speelruimte - Kenniscentrum Buitenspelen/Speelforum                     |
| Eelco Koppelaar         | Eelco Koppelaar, specialist in speelruimte                              |
| Elske Oost-Mulder       | OBB creatieve (spel)ruimtedenkers                                       |
| Ilse van der Put        | Wij zijn zet  |
| Jootje Vaas             | Ontwerpbureau Jootje Vaas   |
| Josine van den Boogaard | GGD Rotterdam   |
| Lia Karsten             | Child in the City en Universiteit van Amsterdam,                        |
| Louise Berkhout         | Hogeschool Leiden/Speelforum  |
| Marian Schouten         | Platform Ruimte voor de Jeugd   |
| Martin van Rooijen      | Universiteit voor Humanistiek   |
| Hedy Goossens           | VeiligheidNL  |
| Pauline van der Loo     | Jantje Beton / NUSO   |
| Pim van der Pol         | Speelforum  |
| Sigrun Lobst            | Springzaad  |
| Wilna van den Heuvel    | Hogeschool Utrecht/Speelforum   |

## Special protection measures

### Migrant and refugee children

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Arja Oomkens                      | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands    |
| Eva van Aalst                     | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands    |
| Ariane den Uyl                    | VluchtelingenWerk Nederland                  |
| Corrien Ullersma                  | Van der Woude de Graaf advocaten             |
| Dr. Mr. Carla van Os              | Rijksuniversiteit Groningen                  |
| Elin Hofman                       | War Child Holland                            |
| Esther Zielhuis                   | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands    |
| Frank Velthuizen                  | War Child Holland                            |
| Gerriane Smits                    | Dokters van de Wereld                        |
| Germa Lourens                     | Stichting Nidos/ VluchtelingenWerk Nederland |
| Helen Schuurmans                  | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands    |
| Karel Jungheim                    | Kerk in Actie                                |
| Majorie Kaandorp                  | National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands    |
| Marie-Christine Alting von Geusau | Defence for Children                         |
| Martin Vegter                     | Defence for Children                         |
| Rhea Verheul                      | Netherlands' Ombudsman for Children          |
| Sander Schuitemaker               | Defence for Children                         |
| Stephanie Rap                     | University Leiden                            |
| Sabina Brinkman                   | ARQ Nationaal Psychotrauma Centrum           |

Juvenile criminal law

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Maartje Berger        | Defence for Children                           |
| Annemieke Wolthuis    | Restorative Justice Nederland                  |
| Mariëlle Bruning      | Universiteit Leiden                            |
| Reinier Feiner        | Vereniging Sociale Advocatuur Nederland (VSAN) |
| Yannick van den Brink | Universiteit Leiden                            |

**Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Dyonne Pennings   | Terre des Hommes Nederland  |
| Arda Gerken       | Expertisebureau Online Kindermisbruik (EOKM)  |
| Celine Verheijen  | Defence for Children - ECPAT  |
| Iara de Witte     | Defence for Children - ECPAT  |
| Ina Hut           | CoMensha  |
| Maartje Berger    | Defence for Children  |
| Shakila Mangal    | National Rapporteur do against human trafficking and sexual violence against children |
| Sjoerd van Bommel | Centrum tegen Kinderhandel en Mensenhandel  |
| Suzanne Kok       | National Rapporteur do against human trafficking and sexual violence against children |

**Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict**

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Juliette Verhoeven | Save the Children            |
| Anne-Floor Dekker  | WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform |
| Pien Klieverik     | Save the Children            |

**Signatures**

1. #ikbenOpen
2. 125Procent
3. Acccare
4. After School Care, Saba Girls & Boys Sports Society
5. AJN Jeugdartsen Nederland
6. Alles is Gezondheid
7. Altrecht
8. Amnesty International Dutch Section
9. Arisa
10. Armoedefonds
11. Augeo Foundation
12. Beatrix Kinderziekenhuis / UMC Groningen
13. Body, Mind & Spirit - AIDS Support Group Saba Foundation
14. Branches Gespecialiseerde Zorg voor Jeugd (BGZJ: Jeugdzorg Nederland, de Nederlandse ggz, VGN, VOBC)
15. Brijder Jeugd Verslavingszorg
16. BVjong, beroepsvereniging kinder- en jongerenwerkers
17. Centrum tegen Kinderhandel en Mensenhandel (CKM)
18. Centrum voor Mondiaal Onderwijs
19. Child Focus Foundation
20. Child Friendly Cities Netherlands
21. COC Netherlands
22. CoMensha
23. de Nederlandse ggz
24. Defence for Children
25. Diversion
26. Dokters van de Wereld
27. Dutch Youth Council (NJR)
28. Edukans
29. Expertise Center Education Care St. Eustatius

30. Expertisebureau Online Kindermisbruik (EOKM)
31. Expertisecenter Onderwijs Zorg Bonaire
32. Expertisecentrum Samen naar School
33. Fier. Landelijk expertise- en behandelcentrum op het terrein van geweld in afhankelijkheidsrelaties
34. Foundation for professional childcare in Bonaire
35. Foundation The Quill
36. Help a Child
37. Het Vergeten Kind
38. Ieder(in)
39. Ingrado
40. Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion
41. Instituut voor Onderzoek naar Leefwijzen & Verslaving (IVO)
42. Janusz Korczak Stichting
43. Jeugdeducatiefonds
44. Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur
45. Jeugdzorg Nederland (chairwoman: Ms. Anne Roterling, also chairwoman of Jeugdbescherming West/JB-West, The Hague)
46. Johannes Wier Stichting
47. Justlaw
48. Kenniscentrum Kinder- en Jeugdpsychiatrie
49. Kenniscentrum voor Makkelijk Lerenden
50. Kerk in Actie
51. Kinderpostzegels
52. Learning for Well-being Foundation
53. LVAK Landelijke Vakgroep Aandachtsfunctionarissen Huiselijk geweld en Kindermishandeling
54. Martijn Schut Advies Sociaal Domein
55. Missing Chapter Foundation
56. Movies that Matter
57. National Committee UNICEF The Netherlands
58. Nationaal Fonds Kinderhulp
59. Nederlands Juristen Comité voor de Mensenrechten (NJCM)
60. Nederlandse Associatie voor de Studie van Overgewicht
61. Nederlandse Vereniging voor Autisme (NVA)
62. Nederlandse Vereniging voor Kindergeneeskunde (NVK)
63. Netherlands Youth Institute
64. NNID Nederlandse organisatie voor seksdiversiteit
65. OBB creatieve (speel)ruimtedenkers
66. Per Saldo
67. Pharos
68. Plan International Nederland
69. Platform Ruimte voor de Jeugd
70. Restorative Justice Nederland
71. Rutgers
72. Rutu Foundation, advancing mother tongue education
73. Sam& voor alle kinderen
74. Samen Sterk zonder Stigma
75. Save the Children
76. SOS Children's Villages
77. Speaking Minds
78. Stand Up For Your Rights
79. Sterk Huis
80. Steunpunt Onderwijs Het Gehandicapte Kind
81. Stichting Alexander
82. Stichting Halt
83. Stichting JIM
84. Stichting JongPIT

85. Stichting Kind en Ziekenhuis
86. Stichting Kinderen-Ouders-Grootouders
87. Stichting Kinderrechten en Menselijke Ontwikkeling: KinderrechtenNU en het Nederlands Genootschap van Kinderburgemeesters
88. Stichting LOS (Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt)
89. Stichting Ocan
90. Stichting Open Mind
91. Stichting Project FORSA
92. Team-Kim
93. Terre des Hommes Nederland
94. TNO Nederlandse Organisatie voor toegepast-natuurwetenschappelijk onderzoek
95. Transgender Netwerk Nederland
96. Trimbos-institute
97. University Leiden
98. Valente
99. Veilig Thuis
100. VeiligheidNL
101. Vereniging Sociale Advocatuur Nederland (VSAN)
102. Vereniging van Nederlandse Jeugdrechtadvocaten (VNJA)
103. Vereniging van stichtingen Leergeld in Nederland
104. Verwey-Jonker Instituut
105. VluchtelingenWerk Nederland
106. Voedingscentrum
107. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
108. WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform
109. Young Amsterdam

Children's rights in the Netherlands 2015 – 2020

*Fifth NGO report of the Dutch NGO Coalition for Children's Rights to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child*

Contact details

Kinderrechtencollectief

p/a Defence for Children

Hooglandse Kerkgracht 17G

2312 HS Leiden

Nederland

Phone: (+31) (0)71-516 09 80

[info@kinderrechten.nl](mailto:info@kinderrechten.nl)

[www.kinderrechten.nl](http://www.kinderrechten.nl)