

## **Cancellation of the pre-sessional working group meetings**

**27 – 31 May 2024 in Geneva.**

The Committee on the Rights of the Child will hold its 96<sup>th</sup> session from 6 to 24 May 2024. This confirmation is provided following several weeks of uncertainty due to the UN liquidity crisis. Whilst acknowledging the immense efforts made to ensure that the Committee's 96th session proceeds as planned, despite the challenges posed by the UN liquidity crisis, the Committee regrets that for reasons beyond its control, the pre-sessional working group meetings that were scheduled for the week of 27 – 31 May 2024 have been cancelled. This delay will contribute to backlogs regarding future dialogues. The Committee expresses its deep concern that the scheduled opportunities to consult with children, who are rights holders under the Convention, have to be postponed. We are also very concerned that our engagement with representatives of civil society and UN Agencies have been removed from the calendar due to the liquidity crisis. The Committee assures children around the world, as well as its valued civil society and UN partners that it remains committed and will continue to look for alternative avenues to engage with them.