

# Mediterranean Consultation on the Joint General Comment on Children in the Context of International Migration

*4-5 May 2017, Madrid*

*Casa Árabe, Calle Alcalá 62 - Madrid*

Final Annotated Agenda	
DAY I	
09:00 - 9:30	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Pedro Antonio Villena Pérez, Director of <i>Casa Árabe</i>            Carmelo Angulo Barturen, Chair, Spanish National Committee for UNICEF            Francisco Javier Sanabria Valderrama, Director of the Human Rights Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Government of Spain.</p>
9:30 - 11:30	<p><b>Opening Session: Migrant Children in the Mediterranean Region</b></p> <p><i>The Joint General Comment: Children in the Context of International Migration</i>            Pablo Ceriani, UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers</p> <p><i>Migrant Children and the International Convention on the Rights of the Child</i>            Hatem Kotrane, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p><i>Challenges Faced by Migrant Children in Europe</i>            Lilana Keith, Advocacy Officer, PICUM</p> <p><i>International Migration in the Mediterranean Region</i>            Xavier Aragall, IEMed (European Institute for the Mediterranean)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>            Nicolás Castellano, Journalist Cadena SER</p> <p><u>Format:</u> <i>Open session with the participation of Spanish migration experts and media. The audience will be invited to present questions, reflections and feedback.</i></p>
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee Break (Salón de Columnas)
12:00 - 12:45	<p><b>Presentation of Agenda, Draft General Comment &amp; Methodology</b></p> <p><u>Co-chairs:</u>            Pablo Ceriani, UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers            Hatem Kotrane, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>            Marta Arias, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, UNICEF</p> <p><u>Format:</u> <i>Presentation of agenda and introduction to the Joint General Comment</i></p>
12:45 - 13.30	Lunch (Salón de Columnas)
13:30 - 15:00	<p><b>Working Session I</b></p> <p><i>Working Group A: General Guidelines &amp; Non-Discrimination (p. 12-24)</i></p> <p><i>Working Group B: Best Interest of the Child: Best Interests Assessment and Best Interest</i></p>

	<p><b>Determination</b> (p.25-28)</p> <p><i>Format: Two parallel working group discussions, each attended by one of the co-chairs and supported by a facilitator. A rapporteur will be identified amongst participants to brief the plenary on key recommendations to the JGC.</i></p>
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee Break (Salón de Columnas)
15:15 - 16:45	<p><b>Working Session II</b></p> <p><b>Working Group C: Right to Family Life: Non-separation and Family Re-unification</b> (p. 67-77)</p> <p><b>Working Group D: Social Integration and Access to Social Rights</b> (p. 29-34, 82-96)</p> <p><i>Format: Two parallel working group discussions, each attended by one of the co-chairs and supported by a facilitator. A rapporteur will be identified amongst participants to brief the plenary on key recommendations to the JGC.</i></p>
16:45 - 17:45	<p><b>Plenary Session: Presentation of Working Group discussions</b></p> <p><i>Format: Reflections and recommendations presented by the rapporteurs from the four working groups (7 min presentations followed by 30 min discussion)</i></p>
17:45 - 18:00	<p><b>Wrap-up / Closing Session</b></p> <p><u>Co-chairs:</u> Pablo Ceriani, UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers Hatem Kotrane, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Marta Arias, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, UNICEF</p>
20.00 -	<b>Joint Dinner *</b>

\* Dinner is covered by participants individually (EUR 25).

It will take place at the restaurant of the “Círculo de Bellas Artes” (Calle de Alcalá, 42)

DAY II	
9:30 - 11:00	<p><b>Working Session III</b></p> <p><i>Working Group E: Child Participation in Migration &amp; Asylum Procedures: Due process, Safeguards &amp; Access to Justice (p. 35-40, 45-46, 57-60)</i></p> <p><i>Working Group F: Right to Liberty: The Principle of Non-Detention &amp; Alternative Solutions (p. 47-56)</i></p> <p><i>Format: Two parallel working group discussions, each attended by one of the co-chairs and supported by a facilitator. A rapporteur will be identified amongst participants to brief the plenary on key recommendations to the JGC.</i></p>
11:00- 11:15	Coffee (Salón de Columnas)
11:15 - 13:00	<p><b>Working Session IV</b></p> <p><i>Working Group G: Child Protection, Child Labor and Other Risks Faced by Migrant Children (p.41-44)</i></p> <p><i>Working Group H: International Cooperation for Protecting Children’s Rights in the Context of Migration and Dissemination of the Joint General Comment (p. 97-103)</i></p> <p><i>Format: Two parallel working group discussions, each attended by one of the co-chairs and supported by a facilitator. A rapporteur will be identified amongst participants to brief the plenary on key recommendations to the JGC.</i></p>
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch (Salón de Columnas)
14:00 - 15:00	<p><b>Plenary Session: Presentation of Working Group discussions</b></p> <p><i>Format: Reflections and recommendations presented by the rapporteurs from the four working groups (10 min presentations followed by discussion)</i></p>
15.00 - 15:30	<p><b>Closing Session: Identification and Confirmation of Key Issues to be Reflected in the JGC</b></p> <p><u>Co-chairs:</u> Pablo Ceriani, UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers Hatem Kotrane, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Marta Arias, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, UNICEF</p>
15:30 - 16:00	<p><b>Conclusions and Next Steps</b></p> <p><u>Co-chairs:</u> Pablo Ceriani, UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers Hatem Kotrane, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Marta Arias, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, UNICEF</p>