

Pledge by Ukraine

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Ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict on 11 Jul 2005

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6. The system of providing free legal aid, together with the partners, plan to carry out a nationwide information campaign that will cover all the territory of Ukraine by means of informing through mass media, their own sites and sites of partner institutions, social networks, etc. and to conduct one-stop-shop legal awareness activities from major cities to the most remote corners of the country.

Activities by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine dedicated to the anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and the free legal aid system of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the FLA system) fully share and support the tenets of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, realizing that “the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth” and that the upbringing of children should be “in a spirit of peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom, equality and solidarity”.

In addition to the state-guaranteed legal protection (in accordance with Article 14 of the Law of Ukraine On Free Legal Aid), children are one of the key categories of recipients of the legal awareness campaigns implemented by the Ministry of Justice, the FLA system and partners.

Deep transformations in the society’s legal awareness should be implemented specifically through the legal education since childhood.

In this regard, a number of activities for children of all ages to promote the Convention on the Rights of the Child are planned by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, specifically:

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6. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the system of providing free legal aid, together with the partners, plan to carry out a nationwide information campaign that will cover all the territory of Ukraine by means of informing through mass media, their own sites and sites of partner institutions, social networks, etc. and to conduct one-stop-shop legal awareness activities from major cities to the most remote corners of the country.

Information about all of the planned events in the form of a “Calendar” will be published on the website of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine project "I HAVE A RIGHT!": <https://pravo.minjust.gov.ua/en>.