**Subject: Our Activities for Supporting Participation of Children**

Our Directorate General provides services for children in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, in line with the child's best interests, children's rights and family-oriented approach. The Law No. 5395 on Child Protection in our National Legislation has been prepared taking into account the principles of life, development, protection and participation of children in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. At every stage of social service interventions for children in need of protection, the child's opinion is sought and the rights of the child are respected.

**Provincial Committees on the Rights of the Child**

These Committees were established in every provinces of Turkey with the aim of implementing the principles and provisions of UNCRC at all levels of society including adults and children and ensuring child participation to all issues related to children. Provincial Committees on the Rights of the Child are nationwide organizations and based on voluntariness and every child has chance to be a member. Committees carry out social, cultural, artistic, important days and week’s activities for the promotion of children's rights and raising awareness, as well as peer-to-peer technique training activities. Within the scope of the training module; effective communication, violence-abuse, defining violence, protection from violence, problem-solving skills, and children's rights.

**National Children Forums**

National Children Forums are organized every year on November 20, World Children’s Day, in Turkey, by the representatives of the Committee on the Rights of the Child invited from all provinces. Themes of Forum are determined by children.

**Social Cohesion Program**

Social Cohesion Programis an implementation for social integration of Syrian children living outside the camps and for mutual dialog and information exchange between Syrian and Turkish children with the help of Committees on Child Rights. Program is carried out as socio-cultural activities and trainings through the peer education tecnique. In the Social Cohesion Training Module, which is prepared by the trainers and based on the empowerment approach, is on the following subjects:

* UN Convention on the Rights of the Child,
* Our Community,
* Concepts of Security, Violence-Abuse, Discrimination, Child Labour and Early Marriage and Prevention of Child Labour and Early Marriage,
* Culture-Tolerance-Aid,
* Understanding each other and expressing oneself,
* Main institutions where children can receive necessary services.

**Advisory Board Meetings**

In order to ensure coordination between Provincial Committees on the Rights of the Child and to plan the activities to be carried out at national and international level, Child Advisory Board Meetings are held twice a year.

**Self-Assessment System**

In order to ensure that the services provided in the residential child care institutions comply with the national minimum standards, the Self-Assessment System, which is an assessment and reporting method, has been established. The mission of self-evaluation is to improve the quality of care by respecting the rights of every child and by continuously evaluating the services by managers and employees with the participation of the child, family and all interested parties. One of the most important features of this system is the active participation of children benefiting from the service to the evaluation process.