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## **SUBMISSION BY THE CENTRE FOR JUSTICE AND CRIME PREVENTION (CJCP) ON THE PROPOSED INDICATORS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**

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## About the CJCP

1. The Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention (CJCP) is a Section 21 Not-for-Profit organization working in South Africa and the region, in the field of crime and violence prevention, and on the development of safe communities and environments, both on and offline, with a particular focus on children and youth.
2. The CJCP conducts high quality research on various aspects relating to safety, to violence prevention, and specifically, to the protection and well-being of children and young people. To this end, the CJCP has conducted several national representative population studies on youth victimization, school violence, child abuse violence and neglect. The CJCP has recently worked with, or is currently working with, a range of international institutions and research bodies on issues of violence against and within childhood, including but not limited to, UNICEF (South Africa, Headquarters, and Office of Research at Innocenti), Save the Children, Optimus Foundation, the Open Society Foundation, Comic Relief, Human Dignity Foundation, UNODC, the Know Violence in Childhood Global Learning Initiative.

## Proposed Amendments To Green Indicators

### TARGET 16.2:

**Under proposed indicator 1:** *Percentage of children aged 1-17 years who experienced any physical punishment and violent disciplinary measures, in the past 12 months.*

The inclusion of physical punishment as an indicator for violence against children is welcomed. However, the proposed language on “any physical punishment and violence disciplinary measures” is unclear, given that physical punishment *is* a violent disciplinary measure. We also call for the word ‘caregivers’ to be reinserted into the indicator. Lastly, we request the removal of a 12 month measurement, as this indicator must be able to effectively track prevalence. Therefore, it is requested that the indicator be changed to:

*“Percentage of children aged 1-17 years who experienced any physical punishment by caregivers, in the past 1 months.”*

**Under proposed indicator 2:** *Number of detected and non-detected victims of human trafficking per 100,000; by sex, age and form of exploitation.*

Target 16.2 commits to ending all forms of violence against children, including abuse and exploitation. The breadth of the target is critical for capturing violence that boys and girls face, in its multiple forms. The proposed target, which is not child-focused, does not capture the breadth of the target as it is specific to the issue of trafficking, and is thus not an effective proxy indicator to measure progress against target 16.2 as a whole. Therefore, we request that this indicator be removed. It should be noted that this proposed

indicator is also placed within target 10.7, where it is a stronger and more appropriate match.

In order to promote a coherent approach to data collection for 16.2 that reflects the scope of the target, it is strongly requested that the second indicator for 16.2 be:

*“Percentage of young women and men aged 18- 24 who experienced sexual violence by age 18.”*

**TARGET 16.9:**

In addition, in relation to Target 16.9: **By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration**

**We STRONGLY support Proposed Indicator 1:** *Percentage of children under 5 whose births have been registered with civil authority.*

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