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Dear Deputy Minister,

Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

As you know, by ratifying the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the UK accepted an obligation, binding under international law, to respect, protect and fulfil all the rights it contains. The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC) recently examined the UK's implementation of the CRC, and has now issued [its Concluding Observations](#) on improving children's rights in the UK. These Concluding Observations represent the Committee's authoritative

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interpretation of the action required by the Welsh Government to implement its obligations towards children. The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), as the UN-recognised National Human Rights Institution for England and Wales, and for reserved matters in Scotland, submitted [written evidence](#) to the UN CRC and made oral representations. We were pleased to see many of our recommendations reflected by the UN CRC.

Under the Equality Act 2006, the EHRC is required to promote understanding of, and encourage good practice with regards to, all human rights. In accordance with this mandate, we look forward to working with you and your officials to implement the Concluding Observations. The Welsh Government plays a key and active role in implementing many of the UN CRC recommendations. The EHRC, and the UN CRC, have recommended that the Welsh Government develops and publishes a Children's Rights Action Plan, setting out how it intends to implement the latest recommendations. We would welcome the opportunity to work with the Government to shape this plan and advise on its effective delivery.

We welcome the Welsh Government's engagement during the recent examination and continue to engage constructively with your officials. We would

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welcome the opportunity to discuss children's rights and the implementation of the Concluding Observations with you and your officials, as appropriate.

I am also copying this letter to Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language and Jayne Bryant MS, Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Wales Commissioner and Joint Deputy Chair

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