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Call to action by Brazilian civil organizations regarding the UN resolution in defense of family and community living rights

The right to live in family and community is a fundamental right of children and adolescents guaranteed by the Brazilian Federal Constitution (article 227) and the Brazilian Statute of the Child and Adolescent (ECA). In its article 19, ECA establishes that every child and adolescent has the right to be raised and educated by his family and, failing that, by a substitute family.

Consensus that family is the appropriate space for adequate human development is also enshrined in a number of international documents, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, approved on 20 November 1989 by the United Nations General Assembly. The member states declared "convinced that the family, as a basic element of society and a natural environment for growth and the well-being of all its members, and in particular of children, should receive the necessary protection and support to be able to fully assume their responsibilities in the community. "

Since the adoption of the Convention, the Third UN Committee on Human Rights has approved annual Resolutions on the Rights of the Child. Many issues have been prioritized until now, including children with disabilities, immigrant children, violence against children, among others. However, despite its importance, there has not yet been a resolution that has highlighted the right to family and community living and the rights of children and adolescents who have lost parental care or those who are at risk of losing it.

The General Assembly is the main organ of deliberation, policy formulation and representation of the United Nations. It comprises the 193 member states of the international body and provides a unique forum for multilateral discussion on a range of international issues. A UN resolution is a formal text or an expression of the opinion or will of UN bodies: a guide to Member States' actions on specific issues and establishing plans for assessing progress in each. On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children and Adolescents, a document approved by the General Assembly in 2009, with strategic participation of the Brazilian government, we have the opportunity to take another important step regarding this issue: to establish the need for approval of a UN resolution on the right to family and community living together with the rights of children and adolescents who have lost parental care or those who are at risk of losing them.

The publication of this Resolution would promote a number of steps forward in the protection of children: 1- recognition of the urgency of the needs of this priority group; 2- government action and provision for the relevant needs; 3 – creation of an "agreed common language", essential for use in other promotional activities within the United Nations, making it easier to incorporate UN resolutions and official documents in the

future.

SOS Children's Villages is leading the international articulation of this proposal, fulfilling its commitment as an international humanitarian organization, present in 135 countries and territories, an active participant in the construction and implementation of international reference frameworks of the Sustainable Development Objectives (ODS) and whose mission is to support children, adolescents and young people who are vulnerable, boosting their development and autonomy in a protective family and community environment.

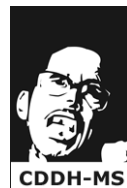
The National Movement for the Promotion of Family and Community Living Rights in Brazil, with its recognized leadership in this area, together with the other networks, forums, collectives, councils and civil society organizations, join the SOS Children's Villages International Movement in the prioritization of this topic at the United Nations General Assembly in 2019.

The theme of Family and Community Living Rights for ALL the world's children addresses solutions to many questions. It is a topic that addresses situations of migration, refugees, children and adolescents with disabilities, street living, conflict with the law, violence and sexual exploitation, child labor and abandonment among others. It is a topic that presents solutions and, therefore, demands the necessary attention at national, regional and international levels, and should therefore be the topic of the 2019 OMNIBUS RESOLUTION.

IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL:











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