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ALTERNATIVE REPORT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE UNITED NATIONS ON THE SITUATION OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN VENEZUELA

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I. Abstract-Alternative Report

1. The Network for Human Rights of Children and Adolescents (REDHNNNA) as a coalition of social organizations, scholars, community centers, research institutes, and counselors and lawyers from different regions of the country, presents a documented analysis of the status of implementation of obligations involving the State with respect to civil and political rights of children and adolescents in light of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and report the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
2. As we have explained and documented before to the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the United Nations we are really concern about the challenges that remain for a full guarantee of the rights of children and adolescents in our country, especially since a persistent situation of institutional weaknesses which affects the implementation of policies on preventing a coordinated response from public organs to which compete the knowledge of Venezuelan children and adolescents matters. The absence of protection and care programs as a result of the absence of a clearly defined, discussed and agreed public policy with all national stakeholders to protect children and adolescents, has important limitations on the guarantee of rights. Moreover, the REDHNNNA has emphasized about the lack of access to public information and the need to have a system of indicators by area that would allow people to know the status and progress in this area. In most of the rights contained in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Venezuelan state still has significant challenges ranging from issues of great significance: the need for a governing body in the matter; those relating to relations with organized civil society; the absence of planning effectives public policies and special measures not only to fulfill the rights of children and adolescents, but also to ensure the integrated and preventive approach be strengthened Penal Responsibility System Adolescent; along with promoting the implementation of quality programs and services accessible to all children and adolescents. There are issues that warrant urgent intervention, as the violence directly affects boys and girls, but especially to adolescents.
3. Furthermore, this report raises particular concerns about the training and education of national actors linked with the guarantee of rights, in order to promote increasingly a culture that promotes respect for the rights of children and adolescents; and their active participation in family, community and school spaces; in order to encourage their active, participatory, active citizenship education particularly in matters that concern them and affect them.
4. It is expected that the effort of preparing this report, it is well weighted by the Venezuelan government and the necessary bridges tend to coordinate actions in coordination with civil society and families, as it establishes the principle of responsibility in the Organic Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents (LOPNNA).