

*Call for a*



Global Study on  
Children Deprived of Liberty

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# A Global Study

- ✓ Collect data & statistics on the number and situation of children in detention worldwide
- ✓ Include all\* forms of deprivation of Liberty
- ✓ Practices & recommendations (promote alternatives/non-custodial measures)
- ✓ Clarification of relevant concepts

# Children Deprived of Liberty

*“Deprivation of liberty means any form of detention or imprisonment or the placement of a person under the age of 18 in a public or private custodial setting, from which this person is not permitted to leave at will, by order of any judicial, administrative or other public authority”*

- United Nations Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty (Havana Rules 1990)

- Estimated 1,000,000 children are incarcerated in the *criminal* justice systems worldwide.
  - 75% on pre-trial detention
  - 60% for petty offences

# The Campaign

- ***Milestones:***

- ✓ *Official launch (Geneva, March 2014)*
- ✓ *CRC letter to the UNGA (New York, May 2014)*
- ✓ *Expert Consultation (Geneva, June 2014)*
- ✓ *High-level event (New York, October 2014)*
- ✓ *UNGA Child Rights Resolution requests Study (New York, December, 2014)*

# NGO Panel for the GS

- More than 90 NGOs as of today
- Core group of 9 INGOs steering the Panel
- Co-chairs DCI and HRW
- Observers: ICRC and academia

# The implementation phase

- Assignment to the SRSG on VAC to conduct a preliminary phase
- ✓ Meetings to gather funding, define the scope and methodologies and define the collaboration
- ✓ Scientific / Primary data
- ✓ Appointment of the expert who will conduct the Study

# Key components and methodology

- Legal framework: A review of relevant legal standards
- Collection of new data
- Review of existing literature
- Expert consultations (thematic and/or regional)
- Child participation

# More information on the campaign website:

<http://www.childrendeprivedofliberty.info/>