



The Fourth Summit
of First Ladies
and Gentlemen

DECLARATION

of the Fourth First Ladies and Gentlemen Summit

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We, the participants of the Kyiv Summit of the First Ladies and Gentlemen,

RECOGNIZING the protection of children's rights and ensuring a safe future, providing child safety in the family, school, cyberspace and in armed conflicts as a key priority for the international community,

EMPHASIZING the importance of the children's rights protection principles in armed conflict, which are based on the international law, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and are guiding in all actions aimed at protecting children,

NOTING that children need special protection, as they are one of the most vulnerable categories of the population, those who cannot protect their rights on their own, especially in the context of armed conflicts, taking place in different parts of the world, in particular the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine,

UNDERLINING the devastating consequences of the Russian war against Ukraine for children with every day of the ongoing Russian aggression, including sexual violence, killing and maiming of children, indiscriminate attacks and destruction of the civil infrastructure endangering children's lives and health, deportations, forced displacements and identity change, forced change of citizenship, forced militarization of the educational and cultural environment and ideological indoctrination of children aimed at fostering hatred of other cultures and nations,

EMPHASIZING the inadmissibility of children suffering from armed conflicts,

UNDERLINING that the life and health of children are one of the key foundations of humanity's survival, its development and well-being,

EXPRESSING readiness to contribute to the solution of these problems, with our collective efforts and according to each nation's capabilities,

HAVE AGREED:

TO CONSOLIDATE the efforts of the First Ladies and Gentlemen to provide joint responses to the challenges related to the protection of children's rights in armed conflicts,

TO PROMOTE international cooperation between the First Ladies and Gentlemen to share experiences, develop mechanisms and projects to protect children's rights in armed conflicts and overcome the consequences of armed conflicts for children,

TO FOCUS on the implementation of projects in the following areas: search, identification and return of children, medical care of children in war and rehabilitation, including prosthetics, provision of comprehensive psychosocial assistance to children, support for families of internally displaced persons, including children, evacuation of children from war zones, including outside Ukraine, ensuring the right of every child in Ukraine to grow up in a family environment, and development of the education system,

TO PROMOTE the creation of competent expert networks to implement and support projects in the mentioned areas,

TO INVITE all the interested First Ladies and Gentlemen of the world to join the implementation of projects in the mentioned areas and to enhance the use of "soft power" to protect children's rights in armed conflict.