

P R E S S R E L E A S E**Enttäuschung über Entscheidungen des Brüsseler Gipfels: Mehr Kinder werden in die Hände von Schmugglern fallen**

Berlin, 29. Juni 2018. Save the Children hält die Entscheidungen des Brüsseler Gipfels zur Migration für eine verpasste Chance. Wir machen uns Sorgen über die drohende Inhaftierung von Kindern und Familien in den geplanten Camps. In diesem Sommer werden als Folge der EU-Politik mehr Kinder untertauchen, mehr Kinder werden in die Hände von Schmugglern fallen; und mehr Kinder werden gefährliche Reisen unternehmen, um zu versuchen, zu ihren geliebten Menschen zu kommen.

Unser vollständiges Statement in Englisch sowie Kontaktdaten der Ansprechpartner in Brüssel:

We have spokespeople available in Brussels in English and French. Please contact Lily Partland lily.partland@savethechildren.org / +44 7544 319 262 or our 24-hour media line +44 (0) 7831650409 to arrange an interview.

Statement:**Karen Mets, Save the Children's Senior Advocacy Adviser in Brussels said:**

"Save the Children is disappointed that Heads of State meeting this week in Brussels failed to rise above their national interests. This could have been a defining moment for the EU. Instead it is a missed opportunity to set a clear direction for the EU's migration policy and create a unified and functional asylum system.

"Proposals on 'voluntary controlled centres' within the EU and 'regional disembarkation centres' remain vague and raise serious concerns about the detention of children and families. Asylum-seekers should continue to have full access to the rights granted to them according the Geneva Conventions and European asylum law.

"These proposals have distracted from the critical need to reform the Dublin Regulation, and set an effective system on the rails to pre-empt future crisis. EU border states are shouldering too much of the burden, which should be shared among all EU member states.

"This summer, as a result of EU policies, more children will go missing; more children will fall into the hands of smugglers; more children will be pushed across borders; and more children will undertake perilous journeys to try to reach loved ones."

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We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.