

Ratify OP3 CRC

INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR THE OPCRC
ON A COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE

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About the International Coalition

Ratify OP3CRC - International Coalition for the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (OPCRC) (thereafter “the International Coalition”) is a coalition of international, regional and national non-governmental organisations and networks, human rights institutions and other non-governmental bodies which are committed to achieve rapid ratification and entry into force of the OPCRC on a Communications Procedure (OP3CRC).

The International Coalition’s mission is to:

- a) Raise awareness about the OP3CRC;
- b) Disseminate information, tools and ideas to enable interested partners to engage in the ratification of the OP3CRC; and
- c) Pursue the rapid entry into force of the OP3CRC.

The International Coalition succeeds to the NGO Working Group that coordinated the international campaign for the drafting and adoption of the OP3CRC, under the umbrella of the NGO Group for the CRC based in Geneva. It is guided by a Steering Committee composed of international and regional child rights NGOs.¹

The International Coalition is open to independent organisations only. Individuals cannot be a member of the coalition if they do not represent an independent institution/organisation.

Other entities, such as high-level individuals, UNICEF, etc. can be supporters of the International Coalition. For more information, please go to www.ratifyop3crc.org

¹Ceurochild, Child Rights Coalition Asia (CRC Asia), Child Rights Connect (formerly the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child), Child Rights International Network (CRIN), Kindernothilfe, Plan International, Red latinoamericana y cribeña por la defensa de los derechos de los niños, niñas y adolescentes (Redlamyc), Save the Children, Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF) and World Vision.

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Advantages of becoming a member

Organisations which join the International Coalition will receive updates² on the Coalition's work, proposed activities, tools and publications and any other relevant information collected by the Steering Committee, such as upcoming events linked to the ratification of the OP3CRC, best practices, lessons learnt, etc.

Members of the Coalition can freely mention their belonging to the Coalition in all their advocacy activities relating to the ratification of OP3 CRC.

Member organisations can use the logo of the Coalition in their material, website, banner or any other type of document, pending permission obtained from the Steering Committee at info@ratifyop3crc.org.

Member organisations can also use the logo of the Coalition in their advocacy letters if they send a copy of the letter to the Steering Committee one week in advance for approval.

However, if a member wants to represent the Coalition at a specific event, it should be granted a specific mandate by the Coalition's Steering Committee. In such case, a written agreement shall be concluded between the Steering Committee and the member of the Coalition, stating the content of the message to be delivered at the event, the modalities of the representation (funding, use of logo and others) and the respective duties of each party.

What is expected from the International Coalition members?

As a member of the International Coalition, you are expected to:

1. Respect the principles and spirit of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the mission and objectives of the International Coalition;
2. Encourage other NGOs or networks that fit the criteria from your country/region or within your network, to become members of the International Coalition and become engaged in the ratification of the OP3CRC;
3. Be informed about the OP3CRC and disseminate information and tools about it;
4. Share ideas on how best to achieve the International Coalition's goals;
5. Integrate the work for the ratification of the OP3CRC as a priority in your organisation's activities;
6. Be active in the national process of your own country for the ratification of the OP3CRC;

² All updates will be circulated in English. French and Spanish versions will be circulated depending on available resources.

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The time invested for the International Coalition work will be decided by each organization. There is no membership fee.

Members can decide to leave the International Coalition at all times by contacting info@ratifyop3crc.org.

Membership can be terminated upon decision of the Steering Committee of the International Coalition if a member has taken actions which are contrary to the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child or to the mission and objectives of the International Coalition.

Process for joining the International Coalition

To become a member of the International Coalition, your organisation or network should fill-in a membership form and sign a short statement of commitment. If you are an international organisation or a network, we encourage all your offices to also apply separately in order to ensure that all are included and receive first-hand information about the OP3CRC.

When organisations have been invited to join by a member of the Steering Committee, they will automatically join the International Coalition upon receipt of their signed membership form.

When organisations have not been invited to join, the co-Chairs of the Steering Committee will review and approve the signed membership forms. Requests that arouse any suspicion about the identity/motives of the applicant will be referred to the Steering Committee for decision. The Steering Committee can decide to request the statutes of the applicant's organisation, if relevant.

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Please fill in the form, sign it, scan it and send it to info@ratifyop3crc.org.

Name of Organisation / entity:	
Country / countries / region where your organization / network is based and where it has offices, where relevant	
Name of contact person and position within the organisation	
Organisation's working language(s)	
Describe your organisation and its main areas of work	
Describe your organisation's work or interest in the OP3 CRC on a communications procedure and how you intend to support the OP3 CRC ratification process	
Email	
Phone	
Fax	
Postal address	
Website	
Do you use social networks for advocacy purposes? If so, which ones?	
How did you hear about this coalition?	
Which organisation sent you this form?	

For the applying organisation/entity to sign:

We commit to respect the principles and spirit of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the mission and objectives of the International Coalition for the OPCRC.

We also commit to support the collective actions proposed by the International Coalition to ensure the universal ratification and rapid entry into force of the OPCRC on a communications procedure.

Signature of the organisation/entity's official representative (please also write full name and title):

_____ Date and place: _____

Unsigned membership applications will not be examined
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