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| Report by ECPAT International | |
| PROPOSAL TO INTERVENE AT THE ITU COUNCIL WORKING GROUP – CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION | |
| **Purpose**  To provide insight into ongoing civil society advocacy to ensure children’s rights in digital environments.  **Action required**  This report is transmitted to the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection **for information.**  **Reference**  [*CWG-COP-20/INF/8 PowerPoint presentation*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CLCWGCOP20-INF-0009/en)*;* [*www.ecpat.org*](http://www.ecpat.org) | |

ECPAT International proposes to make an intervention at the ITU Council Working Group on 22 January 2024, on the topic of Child Online Protection. Specifically, ECPAT will speak about its ongoing work, lessons learned, good practice and recommendations that are directly and indirectly related to legal measures to ensure children’s protection in digital environments.

With a particular focus on its work in the European Union since 2020, ECPAT will convey to policymakers the civil society advocacy that is helping to shape comprehensive legislation to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse, and other forums of digital harm. It will provide an overview of the coalition and the challenges faced in relation to children’s rights and digital legislation and policy.

ECPAT will highlight the crucial role of data and evidence in shaping sustainable digital policy and law, and speak about the many lessons learnt in the EU and other regions when engaging governments, private sector, civil society, and the public including children.

Finally, ECPAT will offer some examples of good practice, and close with principle-based recommendations for policymakers on building a robust child online protection environment.

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