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ON THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD 2021-2024 AND ON ITS PLAN 2021-2022

Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 112/2020, of December 18 approved Portugal's first **National Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2021-2024**, an integrated and comprehensive approach to children's rights based on five main pillars:

- i. Promoting well-being and equal opportunities for all children and young people;**
- ii. Supporting families and parenting;**
- iii. Promoting access to information and participation for children and young people;**
- iv. Preventing and combating violence against children and young people; and**
- v. Promoting the production of tools and scientific knowledge to enhance a global vision of children and young people's rights.**

On November 18, 2021, the first of two two-year plans of the National Strategy - **Plan 2021-2022** - was approved by the decision-makers of all relevant areas involved and homologated by the Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, with a focus on four priorities:

- i. Promoting Well-Being and Equal Opportunities for all children and young people**
While endeavouring to: ensure adequate standards of living for the development of children and young people; promote a safe and healthy environment; and to implement effective responses to health issues, including mental health, and to the inclusion and empowerment of children and young people.
- ii. Supporting families and parenting**
While endeavouring to: focus on the protection of children and young people deprived of a family environment; encourage deinstitutionalisation and the qualification of existing equipment; contribute to the increased resource to the adoption and civil sponsorship systems; and to strengthen the foster care system.



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iii. **Promoting access to information and participation for children and young people**

While endeavouring to: promote information and knowledge among children and young people about their rights; and to ensure adequate training for professionals who interact with children and young people on a systematic basis in the education, judicial, health and social security systems.

iv. **Preventing and combating violence against children and young people**

While endeavouring to: achieve the implementation of strategic objectives within the scope of the prevention and combat of all forms of violence, in several contexts, namely at school, at home, in the different communities in which children and young people participate, including in the digital environment.

Plan 2021-2022 features the following highlights:

- Strengthening prevention and intervention strategies regarding intrafamily violence - including abuse committed in the context of domestic violence -, namely through the training of professionals in the promotion and protection system and raising the awareness of children and young people towards the issue of violence against children;
- Preventing and combating all other forms of violence against children and young people or perpetrated by them, including exploitation, trafficking, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation, namely through the implementation of the action protocol for the prevention, detection and protection of child victims of trafficking in human beings and as described therein;
- Approval of the National Plan for the Protection of Children and Young People in Sports, including the establishment of the role of Child Safeguarding Officers (CSO) under a joint project of the European Union (EU) and the Council of Europe (CoE) aimed at providing resources to all those who play a role in ensuring a safe



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environment in sports for all children and young people, such as coaches and officials, among others;

- Implementation of a national study on violence against children to be carried out with children's participation;
- Qualification of the intervention in the field of juvenile justice.

For further information on the Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2021-2024 or in in Plan 2021-2022, please contact cnpdpj.presidencia@cnpdpj.pt