

# Mission statement of the Global Taskforce to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse online

Child sexual exploitation and abuse in all its forms causes untold suffering around the world, and is an intolerable violation of children's fundamental rights, and we, the governments represented in WeProtect Global Alliance's [Global Taskforce on child sexual abuse online](#), are committed to working together towards an end to this horrific crime. The scale, complexity, and severity of online child sexual abuse, including the proliferation of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and grooming online are growing at an alarming rate, as reflected in the Alliance's latest [Global Threat Assessment](#). We must take bold, coordinated action around the world to protect children and young people from harm.

The Global Taskforce was launched in June 2022, during the [WeProtect Global Alliance 'Turning the Tide' Summit](#), to provide a vehicle for Alliance country members to shape and enact the [Global Strategic Response](#) to child sexual exploitation and abuse online, building on the individual efforts framed by the [Model National Response](#). It seeks to establish a global network of countries dedicated to combating child sexual exploitation and abuse online that will work to facilitate political leadership, coordination, and capacity building among member countries.

**We are united in the Global Taskforce because we want to improve coordination between governments at the international level, identify opportunities and gaps in our responses, collaborate to drive action in our national and international strategies, and share knowledge.**

Each member of the Global Taskforce is committed to:

- making comprehensive legal frameworks a priority. We will work to unite behind common definitions, terminology, and collaborate with the private sector to foster accountability and new technological solutions.
- investing the necessary resources to fight the growing issue of child sexual exploitation and abuse online. This includes dedicating sufficient funding to prevent child sexual abuse both nationally and internationally.
- demonstrating accountable leadership and a willingness to collaborate at all levels to strengthen the coordination of the international response. We will work tirelessly to improve capacity development (both cross-border technology-based improvements and systemic improvements within countries), international investigations and expeditious and effective state response systems.
- improving efforts to identify, support, and protect victims and survivors. We will ensure that victims and survivors receive the necessary assistance, support and protection.
- enhancing cross-border efforts to investigate cases of online child sexual exploitation and abuse to identify and prosecute offenders and bring them to justice.

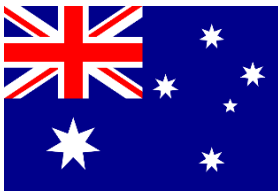
- boosting efforts to increase public awareness of online risks to children, including grooming and the coercion of ‘self-generated’ sexual images that may be distributed online.
- dramatically reducing the availability of child sexual abuse material online, preventing the re-victimisation of children whose sexual abuse is depicted in images and videos online.
- sharing knowledge, good practices and lessons learned, to help achieve the above objectives.
- Promote equity, diversity, dignity, fairness, inclusion and respect throughout our work and actions as a taskforce.

The Global Taskforce is open to all governments who are official members of WeProtect Global Alliance. We urge all Alliance government members to join us and make a commitment to turn the tide on child sexual abuse online. Together, we can build a digital world where every child is safe, secure, and protected from harm.

<sup>[1]</sup> The term “child sexual abuse material” refers to images, video, written or audio content of a sexual nature involving a person under 18 years old.

## Signed

The governments of:



Australia



Belgium



Canada



Estonia



European  
Commission



Finland



Guatemala



Kenya



Moldova (Republic  
of)



The Netherlands



The United Arab Emirates



The United Kingdom



The United States of America

*The Global Taskforce meets formally twice per year and commits to engaging productively with the Taskforce members and Alliance secretariat to develop coordinated actions and share information and learning in line with the agreed aims of the Taskforce.*

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