Satellite Event of Brave Movement Latin America & the Caribbean: Survivors and Allies’ Demands for the Bogotá Call to Action to Eradicate Sexual Violence Against Children

Executive Summary
The Movimiento de Valientes¹, comprising survivors of sexual violence and regional allies, will host a pioneering satellite event on survivor leadership and inclusion in ending child sexual violence on November 6, 2024, as part of the initiatives for the First Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children. This event marks a significant milestone for the global agenda on children’s rights to live free from sexual violence. Survivor-advocates and allies, will present their consolidated demands to key government stakeholders. The objective is to ensure the integration of survivor experts and other experts into the Conference’s Call to Action and emphasize survivor’s pivotal role in implementing and monitoring the commitments and actions defined at the Conference.

The inclusion and centering of Survivor’s voices in the Conference solidifies the goal of elevating the expertise and lived experiences of survivors, affirming their presence and voices as crucial to the success of the Conference’s Call to Action, and the fight to end violence against children. Through decades of relentless dedication, strategic organization, and advocacy for children’s rights to justice and healing, survivor advocates and their allies have fought hard for this significant platform.

Objectives:
- Bring together survivors and decision-makers, allies, networks, government authorities, and civil society organizations working on eradicating sexual violence in childhood, to discuss, the current global and regional status as well as the necessary commitments and actions to address this issue, crystallizing, one of the conference’s key objectives: to provide a public platform where survivors can play a participatory and influential role, both during the event and in its continuation.
- Present the demands of survivors of childhood sexual violence, covering transformative proposals in prevention, healing, and justice, to Ministers and conference participants. The goal is for survivors' demands to be effectively included in the Conference Call to Action. Survivor-experts and their allies will emphasize:
  - Significant and ethical engagement with survivors and allies, taking into account the voices of youth and women-led and community-based organizations.
  - Guiding structured implementation of the Call to Action: the primary and emerging political role of Survivor Councils.
  - Human rights advancements in access to justice and due diligence standards in cases of sexual violence against children and adolescents: Progressive realization and non-regression of international and regional human rights standards with gender and intersectional lenses.
- Significant and ethical engagement with survivors as well as other key regional networks of experts on access to justice for sexual violence. Highlighting Movimiento de Valientes de Latin America and the Caribbean (Brave LAC, in English) as a regional network representative of Latin American survivor movements and their crucial role in promoting the inclusion of an effective strategy to combat sexual violence against children.

Participation (open/closed): This is an invitation only event, but we welcome interested parties to register your interest to participate. Please register here.
Language: Spanish, with the possibility of English translation, and sign language.

¹ The Movimiento de Valientes is the regional Latin American platform of the global Brave Movement, a movement of expert and leading survivor advocates who use their voices to impart powerful advocacy to being prevention, healing and justice to child survivors of sexual violence.