Dear Mr Ramljak,

I would like to thank you warmly for your contribution, during the month of April 2017, to the children’s consultation in the context of the elaboration of the Council of Europe’s policy guidelines for member States to respect, protect and promote children’s rights in the digital environment.

The inputs of 200 children from eight countries (Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania and Ukraine) have been closely analysed by the members of a working group of the Council of Europe’s Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child. The children’s comments were very well received by the experts and extensively integrated in the body of the guidelines.

The consultations were one of the first of their kind and the impressive results encourage us to continue down this path in respect of other projects relating to the protection of children’s rights. The feedback you provided has been assessed and consolidated in a report, which will be published shortly. An electronic version is attached for your personal information. We would be grateful if you could let us know if there are any inaccuracies by the end of October. The names of the schools will be removed from the final public version.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that the policy guidelines are expected to be adopted by the end of the year or early in 2018 by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and I will make sure that you and the participating children receive a copy.

I trust that both the report and the policy guidelines will be a “living evidence” for the children that their voices have been heard in Strasbourg.

Yours sincerely,

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