

Recommendation 2159 (2019)¹

Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 2294 \(2019\)](#) “Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals”, [Resolution 2271 \(2019\)](#) and [Recommendation 2150 \(2019\)](#) on strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and [Resolution 2272 \(2019\)](#) “Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: synergy needed on the part of all stakeholders, from parliaments to local authorities”.
2. The Assembly believes that Sustainable Development Goal Target 16.2 to “end abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children” is one of the top targets for which the contribution of the Council of Europe will prove to be the most valuable. It thus recommends that the Committee of Ministers focus efforts on:
 - 2.1. accelerating progress towards reaching this target in member States, including by keeping issues of violence against children high up on the agenda of the Council of Europe’s intergovernmental and monitoring bodies dealing with children’s rights;
 - 2.2. working together with the United Nations in accelerating progress worldwide.

1. *Assembly debate* on 27 June 2019 (25th and 26th Sittings) (see [Doc. 14894](#), report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, rapporteur: Baroness Doreen Massey). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 27 June 2019 (26th Sitting).

