



Statement by the Hon. Ravi Samaraweera, MP, Minister of State for Child Affairs of the Government of Sri Lanka before the Standing Committee on the Affairs of the House on

“The National Strategy for Child Protection and the National Strategy for the Protection of Children from Exploitation and Abuse”

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in which

He will be giving his speech before the 46th Session of the Standing Committee of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Sri Lanka and in my capacity as the State Minister for Child Affairs.

At the outset, I would like to state that 20 years ago the ICYD-B programme of UNICEF committed governments to deliver inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development that is people-centred.

These investments demand a broader discussion on the value of female participation in development. In this respect, the availability and promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights: instituting robust mechanisms to prevent violence against women.