12th April 2018

[Title of your representative] [Their full name]

[Position]

[Institution/department]

[Address]

**RE: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR STREET CHILDREN 2018: THE 4 STEPS TO EQUALITY**

Dear [title] [last name],

This International Day for Street Children, I call on you to turn words into reality for street children.

In 2017, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child recognised street-connected children’s rights and set out guidance for states how to realise their rights in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our country signed and ratified the CRC on [find the date your country signed the CRC here: <https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-11&chapter=4&lang=en>].

Based on the UN Guidance, the Consortium for Street Children (CSC) – the global network of NGOs, researchers and practitioners working with street-connected children – has developed a global plan for street children’s rights.

The 4 Steps to Equality for Street Children:

* + **Commit to Equality –** Recognise street-connected children have the same rights as everyone else – and reflect that in the law.
	+ **Protect Every Child** – Protect street-connected children from violence and abuse and ensure children have access to justice when they are harmed**.**
	+ **Provide Access to Services** – Enable access to the same essential services as every other child, such as hospitals and schools, so they can reach their full potential
	+ **Create New Solutions** – Deliver specialized services and opportunities that tune into the unique needs and challenges of life for street-connected children.

As we must do all we can to honour our commitments when we signed the CRC, I ask that you do all you can in realising children’s rights in this country, and to integrate the 4 Steps to Equality for Street Children in our strategies and policies.

This provides an excellent opportunity to our government to showcase to the world our commitment and dedication to one of society’s most vulnerable groups.

CSC is available to provide technical support in integrating these steps into existing strategies or developing new strategies concerning street-connected children.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name]