



Separated Children in Europe Programme

STATEMENT OF GOOD PRACTICE

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The **Separated Children in Europe Programme** is a joint initiative of some members of the International Save the Children Alliance in Europe and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The programme is based on the complementary mandates and areas of expertise of the two organisations.

UNHCR's responsibility is to ensure protection of refugee children and those seeking asylum. The International Save the Children Alliance is concerned to see the full realisation of the rights of all children.

Separated children are children under 18 years of age who are outside their country of origin and separated from both parents or their previous legal/customary primary caregiver. The programme aims to realise the rights and best interests of separated children who have come to or across Europe by establishing a shared policy and commitment to best practice at national and European levels. As part of this process the programme is developing partnerships with organisations working with separated children in European countries and working with European institutions.

This *Statement of Good Practice* sets out the policy and practice basis for the programme's work.

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