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### Global Report on Children's Care and Protection

### *Understanding and Preventing the Separation of Children from their Families*

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**Dr. Roseline Olumbe**  
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**Dr. Chrissie Gale**  
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Dr. Chrissie Gale has over 30 years of experience promoting child rights, with a focus on child protection and alternative care globally. She has worked with international organizations such as UNICEF, UNHCR, UNRWA, Save the Children and Oxfam, alongside an academic career. Dr. Gale previously led the international work at the Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS) at the University of Strathclyde, managing global child protection programs. She continues as a Senior Honorary Research Fellow at Strathclyde and is also a Lecturer at ASH University in Berlin.

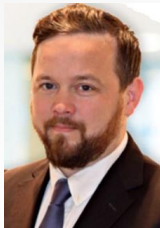
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Dr. Claudia Arisi is the Global Policy and Advocacy Advisor at SOS Children's Villages International. With dual PhDs in Political Science and Labour Studies, she has 15 years of experience in social policies and child rights advocacy. Dr. Arisi has led several global research projects, public awareness campaigns, and capacity-building initiatives to amplify the voices of children and young people in policy processes, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, and the UN Day of General Discussion on Children's Rights and Alternative Care.

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Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong, Thailand's Representative to the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) for Children's Rights, is a Senior Consultant Prosecutor in the Office of the Attorney-General of Thailand. He previously served as Director General for International Affairs, Labour Litigation, and Correction Departments. A UNODC expert on trafficking in persons, he represented Thailand in negotiations on the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. He holds law degrees from Cornell and Oxford universities and has authored research on organized crime, earning multiple national awards for his work in women's and children's rights.

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Dr. Astrid Podsiadlowski is the Head of the Social Rights Sector and project manager on Rights of the Child at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). She provides evidence-based advice to European and national decision-makers through research and data analysis on policies, legislation, and statistics. Her expertise spans child-friendly justice, child participation, child poverty, and social inequalities. A social and cross-cultural psychologist by training, Dr. Podsiadlowski has held academic research and teaching positions in Europe, New Zealand, and the USA.

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**Hon. Anne Musiwa  
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Ms. Anne Musiwa is the Special Rapporteur for Children Without Parental Care in the African Union and a Member of the African Union Commission within the Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. She has served as Vice Chairperson, Chairperson, and currently Rapporteur of the Committee. Anne is the country rapporteur for South Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia, Uganda, and Seychelles, advocating for child rights and overseeing decisions impacting children's welfare in Africa. With 11 years of experience in child rights governance, she has driven the implementation of AU and UN Child Rights Treaties. She also led the Continental Study on children without parental care and has worked with political leaders and parliamentarians to promote child-friendly laws. She holds an MSc in Forensic Psychiatry.

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Dr. Dereje Wordofa is the President of SOS Children's Villages International, a global organization supporting children without parental care and at-risk families. With over 30 years of experience in international development and humanitarian leadership, he has championed children's rights and family support through roles at Oxfam, Save the Children, the American Friends Service Committee, and the UN, where he served as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA. As President, he is dedicated to advancing the federation's mission and strengthening partnerships to promote the well-being of vulnerable children globally.

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Ms. Anne Mitaru is the International Director of Advocacy at SOS Children's Villages International. She is an International Human Rights and Humanitarian Lawyer with over 20 years of experience in conflict and post-conflict regions, focusing on human rights, governance, and humanitarian action. She has worked in East Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, leading initiatives on women's and children's rights, peacebuilding, and humanitarian effectiveness. She served as a UN Global Thematic Team expert on Humanitarian Effectiveness for the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit, contributing to policies on conflict, displacement, and governance in crisis-affected areas.

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