

# terre des hommes

## Help for Children in Need

Resolution by the Delegates Conference 2018 of terre des hommes

### **Those participating should be able to be present**

For over 50 years, the child rights organisation terre des hommes Germany has advocated for the implementation of children's rights as guaranteed by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. An inherent component of our work is dialogue and exchange on an equal footing with project partners from different continents, our International Youth Network and members of terre des hommes. Conferences of these stakeholder groups regularly take place in Germany in the context of our policy of joint decision-making. One important instrument of our work is the Delegates Conference, at which the elected delegates decide in a democratic process on how to help and empower children in need in a more targeted and effective way.

As a child rights organisation we attach particular importance to the participation of children and young people. In the context of the Delegates Conference 2018 we had to note with regret that one of our youth delegates was not granted a visa for entry to Germany and therefore could not participate in the conference – despite providing a written invitation by terre des hommes Germany and presenting a complete set of identification and application documents. The important young voice from the project country concerned was therefore missing.

**For this reason we request the German embassies and consulates to grant future applicants participating at conferences of terre des hommes a visa for their temporary stay in Germany.** The presence of our partners is a critical prerequisite for the effectiveness and success of the democratic decision-making process of terre des hommes and thus the guarantee of a fundamental value of civil society participation.

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The Delegates of the Fifth Delegates Conference 2018 of terre des hommes