

Beijing Platform for Action + 30 - The Girl Child

Recommendations

Immediate

Girls' Mental Health: Every UNECE country should implement preventative healthcare measures which address intergenerational and systemic factors impacting the girl child's mental health.

Intermediate

Child Brides: Every UNECE country and region should adopt and enforce legislation [fixing the age of marriage at 18 or older](#)¹ in order to ensure accountability of those responsible for arranging underage marriages.

Long Term

Child Widows: Every UNECE country should participate in continued international cooperation, legal reform, higher education, economic empowerment and social support to improve the lives of child widows and protect their rights, using [Mohinder Watson's Practical Guidance for Supporting Child Widows](#)² as guidance.

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¹ Girls Not Brides, "The Case for a Minimum Age of Marriage of 18," Girls Not Brides, December 2017, <https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/documents/709/Why-a-minimum-age-of-marriage-of-18.pdf>.

² Mohinder Watson, "PRACTICAL GUIDANCE for SUPPORTING CHILD WIDOWS SUMMARY REPORT," June 23, 2019, http://actiononchildearlyandforcedmarriage.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SummaryReport_ChildWidowsNeedsandSupport_23.6.2019_mail.pdf.