

That this General Meeting:

Acknowledges that in every sector of society in all corners of the world significant numbers of children are sexually abused, that the majority of such children go unrecognised as they are too frightened to reveal what is happening to them and that such an experience is likely to affect their health and well-being for the rest of their lives.

and

Calls upon IFSW as a matter of urgency to publish a set of Guiding Principles for Social Workers concerning their responsibility to work with others to identify and protect children from all forms of sexual abuse and to unite member organisations in a global campaign asserting the right of all children to have access to a safe place where they can disclose concerns about the way they are being treated and be assured that support will be forthcoming.

Proposed by the British Association of Social Workers