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At its meeting on 13 September 2010, the Youth Working Party reached an agreement on the draft Council conclusions, as set out in the Annex.

The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to forward the text to the Council for adoption.

**Council conclusions on the European and International Policy Agendas
on Children, Youth and Children's Rights**

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1. RECALLING:

- The Article 3 (3) of Treaty on the European Union;
- The Council Resolution of 27 November 2009 on a renewed framework for European cooperation in youth field (2010-2018) which states that where appropriate, a children's policy dimension - having regard to their rights and protection taking into account that the life and future prospects of young people are significantly determined by opportunities, support and protection received during childhood - should be considered;
- The Communication from the European Commission of 4 July 2006 "Towards an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child"¹.

2. TAKES NOTE:

- Of the information provided by the Presidency on the European and International Policy Agendas on Children, Youth and Children's Rights.²
- Of the measures taken in the youth field in order to promote the right of children and young people to participate in the decision making affecting their lives.

¹ COM (2006) 367 final.

² Doc. 14855/10.

3. UNDERLINES:

- The crucial importance of work undertaken in the area of children, youth and children's rights.

4. WELCOMES

- The European Commission's intention to adopt a new Communication in this area setting of a strategy for the EU on the rights of the child.

5. ACCORDINGLY ENCOURAGES

- Member States to cooperate and take an active role in this field and in future international meetings at both expert and ministerial level dealing with children's rights.
