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### For a system adapted to the needs of Quebec's youth: a call from a collective of child-protection organizations

Montreal, February 20, 2020 – Sixteen Quebec civil society organizations working for child welfare and protection came together to call for the Special Commission on the Rights of the Child and Youth Protection to revisit the operating principles and approaches of youth protection services in Quebec. The collective intends to present its proposal at a public hearing of the Commission on February 25, 2020.

In a letter sent to the [Special Commission on the Rights of the Child and Youth Protection](#) in December of 2019, the collective of organizations reiterated the importance of involving youth in their cases and taking their opinions into account in order to ensure that the system adapts to their needs, rather than the contrary. This step is part of a collective reflection on youth protection services in Quebec, led by the Commission following the [death of a seven-year-old girl in Granby](#) in April of 2019.

The Commission will receive the collective on February 25, 2020, for a hearing in which representatives from the collective will present their arguments and proposals.

The hearing will be open to the public and streamed live on the Commission's website: [www.csdepj.gouv.qc.ca/audiences](http://www.csdepj.gouv.qc.ca/audiences).

#### **Details on the hearing:**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020

**Time:** 4:20pm

**Location:** 500 René-Lévesque Boulevard West, 9th floor, Montreal (Quebec) H2Z 1W7

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#### **About the collective**

The collective is composed of sixteen Quebec civil society organizations working for child welfare and protection who decided to join forces to send a strong message around a common goal: to revisit youth protection services in Quebec in order to promote the well-being of Quebec's youth

and the respect of their rights. The examination undertaken by the Special Commission on the Rights of the Child and Youth Protection constitutes a historic opportunity to convey this message directly to the Quebec government. The collective is seizing that opportunity.

***Members of the collective:***

- Amnistie internationale Canada francophone
- Lawyers Without Borders Canada
- International Bureau for Children's Rights
- Byenvini
- Centre d'amitié autochtone de Lanaudière
- Centre de formation social Marie-Gérin-Lajoie
- Breakfast Club of Canada
- Dans la rue
- Equitas - International Centre for Human Rights Education
- Exeko
- Quebec Native Women
- The Center for Civil Religious Literacy
- Mobilisation Haute-Ville
- Dawson Boys & Girls Club
- YWCA Quebec
- Réseau d'intervention de proximité auprès des jeunes

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