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## **Brave Movement demands action from G7 leaders to make commitments to end child sexual violence**

During the WeProtect Global Alliance Summit 2022, the Brave Movement is calling on the G7, leaders, EU governments, and technology companies to make firm commitments to end childhood sexual violence.

The Brave Movement is a global network bringing together survivors and allies of childhood sexual abuse to engage in coordinated advocacy and campaigning to end all forms of sexual violence against children and adolescents. As a survivor-centered movement, it also aims to be an active voice asking for tech accountability to prevent online child sexual violence.

Survivors' voices give an integral perspective in the global conversation about the urgency of the issue and the need for high-level commitment and action. The Global Summit is giving them the platform to call on the leaders who will meet at the G7 Summit in Germany to:

- Commit to legislate on a child-rights-driven approach to online end-to-end digital encryption.
- Mobilize billions in investments to scale up prevention, healing, and justice programs in lower income countries.
- Establish a G7 Survivors Council to advise the G7 on the issue.
- Develop and implement national action plans and strategies to end childhood sexual violence.

Brave Movement is also announcing a #BeBrave Global Day of Action that will take place on June 9, with digital and physical activations around the world.

Some of the initiatives that Brave Movement has launched since its inception earlier this year are:

- A **Global Survivors Action Summit** on April 27 to align demands on ending child sexual violence, position it as a global priority, and build an international advocacy movement of survivors and allies.
- The **#BeBrave Global Call to Action** drawing on the demands from National Calls to Action, a G7 Call to Action, solidarity statements, and campaigns developed by survivors and allies in 22 countries around the world. This petition has been signed by over 100 organizations so far.
- A **G7 petition** where survivors of sexual violence in childhood call for bold and transformative action from G7 leaders this year. This is the first petition of this kind.



**Dr Daniela Ligiero, survivor and a leader in the Brave Movement said:**

“As it is being highlighted during the WeProtect Alliance Global Summit, child sexual abuse and exploitation is an issue that affects millions of boys and girls around the world. The infrastructure and political will to protect children and adolescents from sexual violence is already in place in many countries whose leaders are passionate about challenging the status quo, but we need action to turn the tide, and we need it now! That’s why we are using our participation at the Global Summit to announce our commitment to call on the G7 to take the lead on this global issue.”

**Sarah Cooper, survivor and a leader in the Brave Movement said:**

“Sexual violence online is the greatest silent pandemic of our time. As survivors, we are leveraging the impact and reach of the WeProtect Alliance Global Summit to unite and raise our voices, refusing to remain in the shadows anymore, and demanding results from global leaders to act now and make the world a safe place for all children.”

**Dr Paul Zeitz, survivor and Executive Coordinator of the Brave Movement said:**

“Survivors of childhood sexual violence and our allies from all over the world have backed our #BeBrave Call to Action and G7 global petition, informed by national survivor movements in over 20 countries. The #BeBrave Global Day of Action on June 9, 2022, that we are announcing during the WeProtect Alliance Global Summit will call on G7 leaders to be brave and take bold action to end childhood sexual violence when they meet in June.”

**Caroline Taylor, Australian survivor, and member of the Brave Movement said:**

“I want to make sure that what happened to me does not happen to any other children in Australia or around the world. This is why it is so crucial to have access to a forum like the WeProtect Global Summit that gives a seat at the table to survivors of child sexual abuse to express our concerns and views on this important issue.”

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