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All children, everywhere, deserve to live in safe environments that promote

their healthy development. As conflicts around the world continue to unfold, our thoughts are with those children, as well as the many children living in areas of ongoing global environmental hazards. Extreme climate changes on the planet are driving ecological changes harming children's health. As a consequence, countless children are threatened by violence, displacement, and instability. We have to implement more preventive measures to stop these threats. As our joint societies, INCHES, ISDE and Karakalpakstan Medical Institute (KMI), we must prioritize humanitarian efforts aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of all children, as the impacts will last for several generations to come.

Therefore, we, the participants of the 11th International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, commit ourselves to join our efforts on:

- activities to empower children to have an active role in improving the health and physical and social environment;
- activities to support training to empower health and environment professionals to translate scientific information into concrete health and environment policies;
- Integrating knowledge and experience on Environmental Health into medical education;
- develop the children's environment health concepts leveraged to attain the goals to protect the planet, the living environment of children and the right for each child to a healthy environment;
- work to strengthen partnerships at the local, regional, national and global level among children, adolescents, health professionals, environmental professional, civil society organisations, private sectors and government authorities and other organisations for the protection of children's health, environment and safety.

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