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The Nova School of Law, Lisbon, UNL, establishes the Chair of the UNCRC Policy Center

Director-General Mr. Joseph Varughese has selected Professor Teresa Pizarro Beleza, from **Nova School of Law, Lisbon, UNL** for holding the Chair of UNCRC Policy Center. The Chair is designed for Universities and Research Centers' work towards the protection and promotion of children's rights. It is initiated by "Hope For Children" UNCRC Policy Center, a Humanitarian institution based in Nicosia, Cyprus whose mission is to advocate and to protect children's rights based on the standards and principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and European Union Law.

Nova School of Law, Lisbon, UNL has been working since its beginnings in Human Rights in general and Children's Rights in particular. Its R&D Centre, CEDIS, and its Clinic ANTÍGONA - Livres e Iguais (Free and Equal) have promoted courses and research on Children's Rights and will continue to do so, with the important incentive and responsibility of the Chair of UNCRC Policy Center.

The Chair will act as an agent of knowledge on children's rights within the academic community through policy and practice, by teaching, conducting research and providing services to the community, such as specialized courses and training for professionals.

The establishment of the Chair of the UNCRC Policy Center seeks to nurture cooperation and collaborative action between organizations and agencies around the world. This is in the hope and expectation that working together will enable the more effective implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the enjoyment of children's rights to the fullest extent.

