**WHAT CHILDREN SAY**

“Unfortunately my family is poor. Our family has 7 members. The decor of the apartment is bad. My parents don’t have enough money to buy bread every day. I dress in second hand clothes. At home I do not have any TV or computer; I want to live in prosperity and love.”

Simion, age 11 years – Moldova

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**CARITAS ACTS ON THE GROUND TO ASSIST FAMILIES FACING POVERTY AND PROPOSES POLICY CHANGES**

Adopt a child-specific, rights-based approach to tackling child poverty based on the standards and principles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This approach should incorporate the three pillars (1.) access to adequate resources, (2.) access to quality services, (3.) opportunities for children's participation in all matters that affect them.

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**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDS**

“The standards and principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child must continue to guide EU policies and actions that have an impact on the rights of the child.”