

Independent Experts Group on Child Protection in Travel and Tourism (IEG)

The Independent Expert Group was formed in November 2018 to act as an independent advisory body on child protection in travel and tourism, facilitating further implementation of the Global Study recommendations and the Call for Action from the first International Summit on Child Protection in Travel and Tourism, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.



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