

Rede anlässlich der Abendveranstaltung/Empfang im Rahmen des UNICEF-Gipfels am 17.10.2019

Es gilt das gesprochene Wort

Dear Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, dear Child Friendly Communities from all over the world, dear children and youngsters, dear members of the city council, I would also like to welcome all politicians and employees of the City of Cologne, dear guests,

let me first thank the singers of Saint Steven for their lovely performance. What a great opener for this evening!

This is the second official ceremony during the summit and I am happy to welcome you back here at the historical townhall.

Most of you have spent the last two days diving deep into the topic of child friendly communities. I would like to thank you all for your combined efforts and I want to congratulate the winners of the Inspire Award. I hope you enjoyed the ceremony! The last two days were intense – and I bet the discussions as well as the conclusions you all drew – must be a lot to take in. Inclusion in participatory, healthy, safe and child friendly cities – the goals we are all aiming for are certainly important and not easy to achieve.

I am sure by now you know, which solutions will work best for you and your community. Therefore tonight, I don't want you to work any further – your heads must be full of new ideas tumbling all over the place. So please: use the opportunity to come together in a safe place tonight and feel free to network and chat.

Please enjoy your evening here at the historical townhall.

I would now like to ask Charlotte Petri Gornitzka to join me on stage and to sign the official guest book entry for the first UNICEF summit worldwide taking place here in Cologne.