Termination of membership to *Girls Not Brides*

**Grounds for termination of membership**

There are a range of possible grounds for the secretariat to consider termination. These include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Actions undertaken by a member organisation which seeks to obstruct the work of the Partnership, or that pose a threat to the trust in or reputation and integrity of *Girls Not Brides* through the organisation’s affiliation to the wider Partnership. This can include (but is not limited to) the use of the *Girls Not Brides*’ name and logo by a member organisation in an inappropriate way or without prior request or permission to use the logo in order to further their own motives, rather than that of the Global Partnership.

B. Actions taken by members that are deemed harmful or abusive to other civil society organisations or external partner organisations, other members of *Girls Not Brides* or secretariat staff themselves and which are obstructive to achieving our vision and mission.

C. Failure to adhere to the *Girls Not Brides* Anti-Harassment and Anti-Bullying Code of Conduct.

D. Failure to adhere to the guidelines and principles outlined in the *Girls Not Brides* child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct.

E. Are involved or accused of fraudulent and/or illegal activities.

F. The organisation no longer fulfils the following criteria for membership:
   - Membership is only open to civil society organisations (CSOs).
   - Member organisations must be non-governmental/ and not private sector.
   - Member organisations must adhere to *Girls Not Brides*’ mission statement and membership principles.
   - Member organisations must be registered or formally recognised within the territory in which they operate, unless there are compelling reasons that this is not a possibility.
   - Member organisations must be working on child marriage and/or related issues (these can include, but are not exclusive to maternal mortality, girls’ education, gender-based violence, female genital cutting, and poverty reduction).
   - Member organisations not working explicitly on child marriage must demonstrate clear intent to start integrating the issue of child marriage into their broader work.
   - The organisation must express a willingness to participate proactively in the collective work of the Partnership.

G. The organisation is not adhering to the *Girls Not Brides* membership principles, to the extent that this is compromising the reputation and integrity of the Partnership.

H. The organisation no longer actively participates in the work of the Global Partnership and has been inactive for a period of 24 months or more. This inactivity includes failure to respond to written communications sent specifically to the member organisation by the secretariat.
I. Resignation: Membership will be terminated upon receipt of notice of resignation from a member organisation in writing addressed to the Director of Partnership Development.

J. Dissolution: Membership is terminated on the dissolution of a member organisation.