

27 November-2 December 2001

Children, Torture and Other Forms of Violence

Tampere, Finland

The World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), in partnership with the Mannerheim League for Child Welfare, is organising this conference and would be very pleased to receive relevant papers which would contribute to the debate and could become background documents of the conference. We are particularly interested in receiving papers analysing the three main themes of the conference, viz.:

1. Definition of torture within the framework of the rights of the child
2. Absence of a specific UN mechanism to address violence against children.
3. International UN Study on Violence against Children

In addition to the three main themes, we would also welcome papers on specific subjects which we consider to be linked to our understanding of torture, which will be addressed in workshops:

- Prevention of torture and violence against children
- Juvenile justice system and child institutions
- The right to redress, reparation and compensation.
- Rehabilitation and reintegration of child victims
- Domestic violence, sexual violence and child trafficking related to it
- Child bonded labour, slavery and child trafficking related to it

Please note that the papers should be either in English, French or Spanish and should be e-mailed, posted or faxed by 31 August to: Roberta Cecchetti
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Websites

MANY USEFUL LINKS ARE GIVEN IN THE DCI-AUSTRALIA WEBSITE - CHECK IT OUT!

http://ippfnet.ippf.org/pub/IPPF_YouthManifesto/sign1.asp

IPPF Youth Manifesto on Young People's Rights to Sexual and Reproductive Health Information Services.

In 1998 a group of young people under the age of 25 from around the world, wrote the IPPF Youth Manifesto which promotes young people's rights to sexual and reproductive health information and services, to participate and to feel good about themselves, their bodies and their sexuality. The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) is now launching a campaign to promote the Youth Manifesto and ensure that its messages are taken on board by policy makers, communities, parents and young people themselves. For further information contact: youthmanifesto@ippf.org

www.child-soldiers.org

The latest update from the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers is now available on their website in the News and Updates section.

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www.sn.apc.org/users/clc/children/index.htm

Information on the South African Children's Rights Project and selected articles that appear in Article 40, the quarterly newsletter of the Children's Rights Project of the Community Law Centre in South Africa. For those interested in the emerging juvenile justice system in South Africa, it aims to be an informative, local and current chronicle of legal developments, pilot projects and research.

www.defence-for-children.org

In recent months, Defence for Children International's Documentation Centre has been working on the creation and constant updating of a bibliographical database on Juvenile Justice material contained in the DCI Documentation Centre in Geneva. The database contains approximately 1100 entries.

www.enyaorg.cz/pstreetkids/streetkids.html

The e-mail discussion-list STREETKIDS has 600 members and provides regular information on juvenile justice issues. The list is an international ecumenical discussion forum and resources centre, open to current and former street children/youth; and those interested in promoting awareness of the harsh realities of street children/adolescents and other young people at risk. STREETKIDS is managed by the Ecumenical Network for Youth Action (ENYA). To subscribe, send a blank message to STREETKIDS. subscribe@yahoo.com.

www.focalpointngo.org

Details on objectives, background themes and selection criteria for NGOs and youth at the Yokohama Second World Congress have been placed on the NGO Group/Focal Point website. The site also contains documents which may be useful in preparing for Yokohama. The official Congress website is hosted by the NGO Group Focal Point.

www.focalpointngo.org/vokohama contains all official Congress documents such as: General Congress information; background theme papers; reference/links to the Stockholm Agenda for Action; the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); the Optional Protocol to the CRC on sale of children child prostitution and child pornography Inter-governmental agencies queries: UNICEF: gbalagopal@unicef.org

Private sector and civil society queries to: NGO Group for the CRC: info@focalpointngo.org or ECPAT: ecpatbkk@ksc15th.com

<http://www.diplomaticnet.com>

A useful site with details of Foreign Offices, Embassies, Governments addresses, and International Politics.

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<http://www.gmfc.org>

The Action Matrix of the Global Movement for Children is Save the Children's primary contribution to the Global Movement for Children - an effort to build an enlarged and energised global constituency for children. It is intended to be a participatory tool which frames the process of developing the demands of the Global Movement for Children. However, for the first few weeks of its existence, it will not be promoted to the general public. There is a need to ensure that by the time the public arrives at the Matrix there is a solid foundation of contributions from people who are more familiar with the issues. This content should, in addition to its value in its own right, act as guidance for the public when they do arrive.

In order to be to be one of the early contributors to the Action Matrix process, go to the website listed above.

There you will find background on the Global Movement in general. If you have difficulty in getting in - or comments on ways in which the Action Matrix could be made clearer or improved, we would like to hear them - please mail them to actionmatrix@hotmail.com.

<http://www.crin.org>

CRIN Special Session on Children Themedesk. This has a special section devoted to information sharing regarding the preparations in the run-up to and during the Special Session on Children, where you will find the latest news, updates, events, documentation and any other information.

<http://www.crin.org/NGOGroupforCRC/index.asp>

The Liaison Unit of the NGO Group for the Committee on the Rights of the Child has completed a checklist for national child rights coalitions in the lead up to the third Preparatory Committee meeting. This includes suggestions for lobbying the government, raising public awareness, and working at an international level. This checklist is available in English, French and Spanish.

For more information contact Denise Allen at dallen@pingnet.ch

www.endcorporalpunishment.org

Global Initiative to End Corporal Punishment

Children have the same basic human right as adults to be protected from any form of violence, including being hit and humiliated: this is the key message of the new global initiative which aims to speed up prohibition of all corporal punishment of children.

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=1610&flag=report>

The South Asia Regional consultation on Sexual Exploitation of Children was held in March, the context the burgeoning world wide problem of commercial exploitation of children, child trafficking and child pornography and its attendant complex issues that societies in every nation, region and sub-region have to engage to deal effectively and appropriately with them. This is their report.