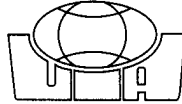


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COMMISSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Children's Rights of the International Association of Lawyers, meeting on 1st September 2001 on the occasion of the 45th UIA Congress at Turin:

Having been submitted the case of children placed in detention, over and over again during 2001, particularly in the United States, Israel and, lately, Paraguay,

Aware of the intentional attacks on the physical integrity of children in armed conflicts and, in particular, lately in Iraq on 19 June 2001, as well as in Palestine, Sierra Leone or Cambodia, where mines continue to cause damage,

Conscious also that the growth of the phenomenon of "street children", as a consequence of civil wars or unlawful immigration, poses a serious problem to State authorities,

Seriously concerned about the growth in the number of cases of commercial child sexual abuse and about the general disrespect of rules aimed at protecting their working conditions,

Conscious of the importance of the time limit represented by the extraordinary session of the United Nations General Assembly on Children's Rights that will take place on 19 to 21 September 2001, in which they have invested the greatest hope,

Recall the international provisions relating to the protection of Children's Rights and more especially the Convention on Children's Rights,

Also recall the optional Protocol of the Convention on Children's Rights and concerning the involvement of children in armed conflicts,

Finally recall the entire set of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice, adopted on 28 November 1985, and the United Nations Guidelines for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency as well as the United Nations Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty, adopted on 14 December 1990,

Invite all the Countries concerned to take adequate measures to ensure that children do not fall victim to child abuse, to attacks on their physical integrity or to the violation of their fundamental rights, which are protected by the aforementioned international instruments, as a consequence of armed conflicts, criminal sentences, administrative sanctions or social conflicts,

Recommend to Countries that have not yet done so, to adhere to the Convention on Children's Rights, to its additional Protocols as well as to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Prepared in Turin on 1 September 2001