Developing a Protective Framework for Children: the Role of Parliamentarians to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents

Regional parliamentary seminar hosted by the Parliament of Albania and organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

Tirana, Albania 14-15 December 2008

**FINAL PROGRAM**

14 December 2008

9.00 - 9.45 a.m. **Opening ceremony**

- H.E. Mrs. J. Topalli, Speaker of the Parliament of Albania
- Mr. A. B. Johnsson, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Mr. R. Carr, UNICEF Deputy Representative, Albania

*The Opening ceremony will be followed by a group photograph*

**Welcoming Speeches**

- Mrs. Anila Godo, Minister of Health
- Mr. Ermir Dobjani, Ombudsman
- Mrs. Iva Zajmi, Deputy Minister of Interiors

9.45 -11.00 **General introduction to child protection**

Presenting the Human Rights-based Approach to Legislative Reform and the Child Rights-based Approach

- What is child protection?
- International standards on child protection
- What is a protective environment for children?

Chair:
*Diana Çuli, Parliamentary committee on education and means of public information (Albania)*

Presentations by:
*Kerry Neal, Child Protection, UNICEF CEE/CIS Regional Office*

Debate

11.00 - 11.15 a.m. **Break**
11.15 a.m. - 1.15 p.m.  Sexual abuse and exploitation – facts, key learning and emerging issues
- Child trafficking
- Sexual exploitation in travel and tourism
- Sexual exploitation in new technologies
- Sexual abuse in homes and communities
- Linkages between various child protection concerns
- Third World Congress on Sexual Exploitation of children (Rio, November 2008): results and recommendations

Presentations by:
- Lena Karlsson, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre
- Vincent Tournecuillert, Regional Child Protection Officer for South-Eastern Europe, Terre des hommes
- Ahmet Premci, General Director of State Police (Albania)

Debate

1.15 – 2:30 p.m.  Lunch Break

2.30 - 4.00 p.m.  Developing an enabling legislative framework for the prevention of Sexual Exploitation of Children – a holistic approach
- Reviewing existing legislation
- Developing a child protection bills
- Looking at prevention, response and rehabilitation

Presentations by:
- Lena Karlsson, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre
- Dep. Paulo Lustosa, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Brazil
- Lajla Pernaska, MP, Chairwoman of the Committee on Women and children’s rights (Albania) and Aurela Anastasi, Constitutionalist (Albania)

4.00- 4.15 p.m.  Break

4.15 - 6.00 p.m.  Implementation and monitoring of international standards at regional and international level on child protection relating to the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents
- The international and regional legislative frameworks
- UN and regional mechanisms

Presentations by:
- Veronica Birga, Human Rights Officer, Focal Point, Follow-up to the SG Study on Violence against Children, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Kerry Neal, Child Protection, UNICEF CEE/CIS Regional Office

7.00 p.m.  Cocktail offered by the Speaker of Parliament, Ms. Jozefina Topalli (Tirana International Hotel)
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**Field Visits**
- 8:30 am Departure from Tirana International Hotel Lobby
- Visit to 1) Youth Albania Professional Services and 2) Don Bosco Applied Basic Commercial Services

10.30 – 11.00 a.m. **Break**

11.00 a.m. -1.00 p.m. **Making National Laws Work**
- The role of parliamentary committees on children
- Ombudsfunction

Presentations by:
- Trond Waage, UNICEF Innocenti Center, former Ombudsperson
- Erdol Cevdet, Member of Parliament, Grand National Assembly (Turkey)
- Arenca Trashani, Member of Parliament, Parliamentary committee on legal issues and human rights (Albania) and Nevila Nepravishta, People’s Advocate (Albania)

1.00 - 2.00 p.m. **Lunch break**

2.00 – 3.30 p.m. **Partnerships**
- Feedback on Field Visits
- National Human Rights Commissions
- Liaising with constituents - cooperation with civil society
- Private Sector

Presentations by:
- Vincent Tournecuillert, Regional Child Protection Officer for South-Eastern Europe, Terre des hommes
- Briseida Mema, Journalist (Albania)

3.30 – 4.00 p.m. **Break**

4.00 – 5.30 p.m. **Next steps**
- Parliament’s role in building a protective environment for children
- Parliament’s role in preventing and responding to sexual exploitation of children
- Capacity Building needs
- Challenges and recommendations