



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.	<i>Lunch Break</i>
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- 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.	<i>Break</i>
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- 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)***

15 December 2008

8.30 -10.30 a.m.

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
- Ombudsfuction

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