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Committee on Culture and Education  
Subcommittee on Human Rights  
Committee on Development  
Committee on Legal Affairs*

***JOINT HEARING:  
TOWARDS AN EU STRATEGY  
ON  
THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD***

***Tuesday 17 April 2007***

***09:00 – 12:30 and 15:00 – 18:30***

***Hemicycle***

***Paul Henri Spaak Building (PHS)***

***Brussels***

**9:00 - 10:30**

**OPENING**

*Introductory statements by:*

*Mr Jean-Marie Cavada, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*

*Ms Anna Záborská, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*

*Ms Roberta Angelilli, Rapporteur of the lead Committee (LIBE), European Parliament*

*Representative of the German Presidency (tbc)*

*Vice-President Franco Frattini, European Commission*

*Ms Verena Taylor, Representative of the Council of Europe, Presentation of the work of the Council of Europe in the field of Children's Rights*

*Ms Marta Santos Pais, Director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre: The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): a Universal Child Rights Framework*

*Question time*

**10:30 - 12:30**

**Part I: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS: SOME KEY ISSUES**

Chair: Ms Angelilli, Ms Kinnock, Ms Gröner, Mr López-Istúriz

10:30-10:40 Mainstreaming Children's Rights in the EU, *Ms Mieke Schuurman, EURONET*

10:40-10:50 An EU Strategy on children in External Relations, *Ms Lieve Franssen, Head of Unit, DG Development, European Commission*

10:50-11:10 *Debate*

*With the participation of children:*

11:10-11:30 Implementing Children's participation in the EU: Results of the consultation based on the child friendly version of the Communication on the Strategy on the Rights of the Child in EU Member States, *Ms Olivia Lind Haldorsson, Save the Children*

11:30-11:50 Implementing Children's participation outside the EU: Results of the external consultation based on the child friendly version of the Communication on the Strategy on the Rights of the Child, *Ms Deepali Sood, Plan Europe*

11:50-12:00 The European legal regime regarding parental abduction of children: the loopholes of the current system, *Ms Anne-Marie Hutchinson, Head of the Children Department, Dawson & Cornwell, United Kingdom*

12:00-12:30 *Debate*

**15:00 - 16:30**

**Part II: CHILDREN AND VIOLENCE**

Chair: Ms Angelilli, Ms Panayotopoulos

- 15:00-15:20 Presentation of the UN Study on Violence against children, **Professor Paulo Pinheiro**, *UN independent expert*
- 15:20-15:35 Presentation of the Thematic Report on the Rights of the child, **Professor Maja Eriksson**, *Member of the former Network of Experts on Fundamental Rights*
- 15:35-15:50 Special needs and vulnerabilities of a female child, **Ms Christa Stolle**, *Secretary General for the NGO "Terre des Femmes"*
- 15:50-16:00 Prevention of infanticide and assistance to mothers at risk, **Ms Erminia Cozza**, *Legal advisor of "Civil rights in 2000 - Saving babies and mothers"*
- 16:00-16:30 **Debate**

**16:30 - 17:30**

**Part III: CHILDREN AT RISK**

Chair: Ms Angelilli, Ms Belohorská, Ms Panayotopoulos, M. López-Istúriz

- 16:30-16:40 Children refugees and asylum seeking children, **Ms Judith Kumin**, *UNHCR*
- 16:40-16:50 The problem of birth registration, **Ms Marta Santos Pais**, *Director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre*
- 16:50-17:00 Abandoned children, **Mr Jozef Miklosko**, *President of the Society of Friends of Children from Children's Homes*
- 17:00-17:10 The example of the hotline for children at risk in Spain, **Mr Luis Estebaranz Prieto**, *Anar Foundation (Ayuda a Niños y Adolescentes en Riesgo)*
- 17:10-17:30 **Debate**

**17:30 - 18:30 Part IV: CHILDREN AND POVERTY**

Chair: Ms Angelilli, Mr Papadimoulis, Ms Gröner

- 17:30-17:45 Child poverty and social inclusion: Presentation of a review of 23 national reports on social inclusion, **Jana Hainsworth**, *Eurochild*
- 17:45-18:00 Children's Economic Rights, **Ms Jeroo Billimoria**, *Executive Director of Aflatoun, Child Savings International*
- 18:00-18:30 **Debate and concluding remarks**

## ANNEX

### GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

Speaking time will be limited to two minutes per person or per question.  
Speakers will be given the floor in the order in which requests to speak are received.

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