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QUESTION OF A CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Report of the working group on a draft convention on the rights of the child

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Corrigendum

1. Paragraphs 141 and 142 should read as follows:

141. One representative expressed the view that the relationship between the committee and the State party should be understood, not as the present relationship in certain committees which seemed to be that of a court and a defendant, but as a dialogue in which the State could explain its major concerns and the committee could pass on with its more overall, in the sense of universal, knowledge of the different situations that confront children. In this regard, the same speaker suggested that the reports of States parties should also contain information on situations not covered by the convention, thus providing an opportunity to report on new problems or developments which had become a matter of concern for the States parties.

142. In that regard, a proposal which was intended for paragraph 2 of article 23 (E/CN.4/1988/WG.1/MP.7) was submitted to the working group by Venezuela. It read as follows:

"Reports from the States Parties may indicate the Government's concern in areas where children require protection in situations not covered by this Convention."

2. Spanish, [Russian, Arabic, Chinese] only: paragraph 169 should read as follows:

169. Several participants, among them UNICEF, UNHCR and non-governmental organizations, gave their general support to that proposal, which they considered incorporated a dynamic approach and innovative mechanisms and agreed with the mention of UNICEF as the designated lead agency on children. The important role which the specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations could play in the implementation of the convention and the assistance which the non-governmental organizations could provide was generally recognized. Several speakers mentioned the technical assistance that such organizations could provide and the importance of their participation and assistance for the compliance of the Convention.

3. English only: page 42. After paragraph 211, number 199 in the following paragraph should be changed to 212 and the subsequent paragraphs renumbered accordingly.

4. French only. Paragraph 211 should be divided as follows: paragraph number 212 added and the subsequent paragraph renumbered accordingly.

2. Article 26 (Amendments) */

211. The observer for Finland proposed the insertion of a revision clause similar to the one contained in article 29 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. He was of the view that, since the triangular relationship between the State, parents and the child was constantly changing, a mechanism whereby States parties could revise the draft convention was necessary.

212. The working group, for this purpose, considered the approaches adopted in different human rights instruments, for example, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (art. 26) and article 29 of the Convention against Torture and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

