IRRESISTIBLE URGES?

URGENT RESPONSE GROUP Would you like to write letters about urgent

child rights violations? Why not join URG?

From time to time, the International Secretariat of DCI sends out faxes seeking urgent support from DCI members and national sections about particular children or groups who are in imminent danger, for instance, having been sentenced to death, or being held in illegal detention, or subjected to torture or other violations of their rights.

If you would like to respond individually to such cases by writing to the relevant authority, embassy or government (or by sending faxes), please send your name and address (and fax number if available) to:

Urgent Response Group, DCI – AUSTRALIA P.O. Box 383,

Dickson ACT 2606 For more information, please ask the Interim National Convenor, Helen Bayes, on (06) 247 9395 (ph) or (06) 247 0278 (fax).

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN AGAINST VIOLENCE

On Tuesday 17th August 1993 "Friends of Children Against Violence" was launched at a public meeting in Wollongong.

Friends of Children Against Violence aims: to raise awareness about the high incidence of violence to children and how your society maintains such violence; to influence and change existing community views and attitudes about violence to children; to expose children's experience of violence and to advocate the rights of children; and to act as a catalyst in the community so that the protection and empowerment of children is addressed.

Friends of Children Against Violence will also publish pamphlets and newsletters and organise forums and workshops.

For further information and membership please contact: Annabelle or Pauline, (042) 2841:77 or write to *Friends of Children Against Violemce*, P.O. Box 3, Gwynneville, NSW, 2500.



CHILD RIGHTS ASIANET

A network to promote the Rights of the Child in East Asia and the Pacific ha s been set up with the support of UNICEF. The network will meet the information requirements of the region. It is essential in fostering a regional alliance on child's rights to link nations together operationally through forums, training programmes, exchange of information and experiences with governmental and nongovernmental sectors and existing country networks.

Child Rights ASIANET aims to play a "catalytic" role in promoting child rights. While the collection of data, statistics and documents and research is a primary concern, the network will not remain a passive collector of information and will be action-oriented.

Child Rights ASIANET is an essential link in the chain of monitoring efforts as it supports and assists countries in ensuring proper and effective implementation of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Contact Address: Child Rights ASIANET, c/o Liaison Office, UNICEF, 19 Phra Atit Road, Bangkok 10200, Thailand. Telephone 280 5931.