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18-19 May 06: “International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children’s Rights - An appraisal of the Children’s Rights Convention. Theory meets practice”, Ghent, Belgium. The conference aims at evaluating the progress and achievements of the Convention, and at exploring the challenges ahead in realising children’s rights. It will in particular do so by creating an open forum where academics can meet and exchange views with other professionals, dealing with children’s rights in a more practical way. Major sub-themes of the conference include: enforcement of the UNCRC at international, regional and domestic level - the right to (human rights) education - rights of children in especially difficult circumstances such as refugee children and children belonging to minorities - juvenile justice and detention - participation rights of children - children’s right to life, health and health care - children’s rights in relation to their family - exploitation of children. The conference will comprise both plenary sessions and workshops. The keynote speakers, who will address to participants during the plenary sessions, will be some of the world’s leading experts on children’s rights. Names will be released shortly. The workshops will be organised in parallel sessions. Those interested in presenting a paper (in English or French) at one of the workshops are invited to respond to the call for papers on the website: http://www.law.ugent.be/pub/iuap/c_call.html For more information, contact: Marie Delplace Human Rights Centre, University of Ghent Universiteitstraat 4, B-9000 Ghent, Belgium Tel: + 32 9 264 68 22; Fax: + 32 9 264 69 95 Email: Marie.Delplace@UGent.be

Websites

www.crin.org/violence CRIN has launched a website dedicated to civil society activities around the United Nations Study on Violence Against Children. It offers a shared platform for civil society to exert an influence on the UN Study on Violence Against Children and serves as the basis for discussion and the exchange of information between advocates, practitioners, researchers and other stakeholders in the study. It will provide access to established and state of the art information on the many aspects of the study, including

information about regional activities and children’s participation in the study. The website contains several categories of information, including: a section for children, information on the Study, definitions of violence, a publications catalogue (featuring tools and training materials for use by practitioners, analytical resources on child protection, etc), statistics on violence against children, and details of organisations involved in the Study.

www.business-humanrights.org The Business & Human Rights Resource Centre is an independent, international, non-profit organisation, in a collaborative partnership with Amnesty International sections and leading academic institutions. It seeks to promote greater awareness and informed discussion of important issues relating to business and human rights. Its website contains details on the social and environmental conduct of 2000 companies worldwide, and covers over 160 countries, over 150 topics. The website includes reports of corporate misconduct, as well as positive examples of “best practice” by companies. It also produces weekly updates that alert readers to the top stories and breaking news about business and human rights by email. The updates include a unique feature: company responses to alleged abuses. Subscriptions can be made from the homepage.

www.stopkillingchildren.com Many people assume that the days when children were shot dead in the street have been consigned to the pages of history. They have not. In Brazil for example, four to five children are being killed every day. This international web-site by Jubilee Campaign is dedicated to documenting and exposing the killing of children and young people.

www.againstsexualexploitation.org The new website of the Focal Point on Sexual Exploitation contains information about the Focal Point Programme, newsletters, documents on the sexual exploitation and abuse of children throughout the world, and links to other organisations, UN agencies and governments also promoting and protecting the rights of the child.

www.article2.8k.com Children from the Voices of Youth UNICEF forum have recently launched an online Newsletter called “Article 2: Youth for a Change”, to connect youth all over the world, make their voices heard, and raise awareness as well as take action on important problems that affect world-wide teenagers: poverty, education, war, HIV/AIDS, violence, social exclusion, etc. Readers’ direct participation are encouraged. For more information, contact: Article 2 Team, Voices of Youth UNICEF Forum Email: article2_youth_for_a_change@hotmail.com