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OPEN LETTER

RE: FOLLOW UP ON CHILDREN RIGHT CONVENTION ARTICLE 33

Dear Sir

My name is George Ochieng Odalo and I write you as a representative of Slum Child Foundation (SCF), a Kenyan non-profit organization working with children and youth in the slums and streets of Nairobi.

This letter is a follow up on my previous communication with UNICEF HQ in August 2012 regarding a clarification on UNICEF's position on CRC Article 33.

I would like to thank you for the arrangements made for me to meet some representatives of UNICEF Kenya. However, the people I was supposed to meet were unavailable and I ended up discussing with one of their child protection officer who did not seem to have the type of knowledge required for clarifying my questions.

I think it is therefore reasonable to assume that UNICEF HQ is best placed to provide a written answer to my previous questions.

So I therefore reiterate my questions, anticipating your written reply:

I would like to ask UNICEF what is its position on this specific child rights provision and what has the organization been doing to safeguard children's right to protection against illicit drug use as per CRC Article 33:

- What demands should be put on states whom have become party to this Convention?
- What are the key initial policy measures that should be foreseen to lay necessary building blocks for the requested protection?
- What ultimate goal UNICEF foresee on protection against drugs?
- Does UNICEF have any paper where CRC Article 33 is analyzed? Does UNICEF have any person we can turn to for advice in this regard?
- If we will come up with a viable drug protection concept for Kenya is there any possibility that UNICEF could provide some form of support for its implementation?

I would like to thank you in advance for your answer.

Yours faithfully

George Ochieng Odalo
Executive Director
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