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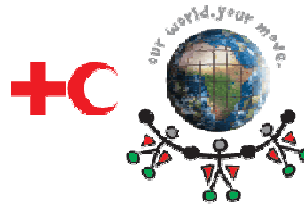
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P&V in the Statutory Meetings 2009



International Red Cross and Red Crescent Meetings
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General Assembly

IFRC Secretary General report

The written report highlighted Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) and the network of 25 National Societies working on the global strategy on violence prevention, mitigation and response. Some extracts:

"The secretariat's "Youth as agents of behavioural change" process has had a measurable impact during the reporting period. Training was provided for youth representatives from 23 National Societies worldwide in Spain in advance of the 3rd World Youth Meeting in Solferino, Italy, in June. At this event, young people in the YABC network were trained to act as peer educators and conduct five principles and values workshops at the youth meeting. This event, and the other humanitarian activities that were held in Solferino to mark the 150th anniversary of the Movement, were a great success and culminated in the creation of a Youth Declaration, which was later presented to decision-makers in Geneva."

The oral report explained that meeting changing patterns of vulnerabilities will require changing the attitudes and mindsets that drive our ways of living and demand renewed commitment of our network to tackling gender-based violence.

Youth Commission report emphasises YABC

About 250 youth volunteers have been trained during the world youth meeting in Solferino on humanitarian values, respect for diversity and non-discrimination, through the non-cognitive methodology "youth as agents of behavioural change" developed by the principles and values department at the Geneva office of the IFRC. Other youth leaders have been trained, at different stages, as trainers before Solferino event to facilitate the workshops. The toolkit includes the promotion of harmony and positive attitude, renounce violence and promote a culture of peace. The youth "call to action" is clearly included in the Youth Declaration "Solferino 2009" stating: Live our principles, celebrate our diversity, change our community. The Youth Commission consider relevant the effective promotion of the seven Fundamental Principles among young volunteers in order to have a better understanding and positively influence the quality of the Red Cross and Red Crescent daily activities.

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General Assembly (ctd)

GA Decision on Youth Commission's report highlights YABC:

"recalls the development of toolkits tested and disseminated to promote humanitarian values among young people (i.e. Youth as agents of behavioural change) and request further dissemination and support at all levels, encourages National Societies to use the Youth Declaration in developing plans and furthering advocacy with Movement stakeholders;"

2 YABC peer educators win the Youth Award



Salimata Konan, Côte d'Ivoire
Youth Award runner up
HEALTH



Abu B. Jalloh, Sierra Leone
Youth Award winner
P&V

Violence & YABC Side event

Diversity, energy and commitment. This characterised the highest attended side event in the GA organised by the P&V department in Geneva, the Youth Commission, Secretariat's youth focal point and numerous National Societies world-wide. Facilitators, speakers, YABC youth peer educators reflected diversity in terms of age, gender and geographic diversity, which was celebrated with dance and singing.

National Societies which performed on stage, either through sharing their experience in addressing violence or through featuring their youth leaders in the YABC role play, dance or sharing of testimonies, were: *Algeria, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Finland, France, Haiti, Ireland, Kenya, Netherlands, Monaco, Panama, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, South Africa, and Spain*. The event was also attended by numerous presidents and secretary generals of National Societies. We were highly honoured to welcome the newly elected IFRC President, Mr. Konoé, in a strong spirit of togetherness!

In the first part focusing on violence, the draft IFRC Global Strategy on Violence prevention, mitigation and response, co-shaped by a network of 24 National Societies, was presented to the audience by Judi Fairholm, Director, RespectEd, from the Canadian Red Cross.

The relevance of both the work on violence and YABC was strongly acclaimed by the audience. An extract of the official report prepared and delivered by Colm Byrne, Irish Red Cross and Romain Laré, Member Youth Commission from Togo Red Cross, shares the participants' feedback *"This is a world that is getting more and more violent"* so *"Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change is relevant for people of all ages. In addition to its informal educational focus reaching the grass-root community, let us get this in the schools. In many cases, students are more likely to listen to their teachers than their parents."* (Dr. Jalloh, 2009 Henry Davison Award winner). He called that *"from today, the Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change would be discussed at every Governing Board Meeting, endorsed and implemented across all national Societies, and reported on during the 2011 statutory meetings"*. The side events' wise chair and role model, Mandisa Kalako-Williams, SG, South African Red Cross, underscored *"this initiative had been overdue, and was to be taken seriously as it constituted truly the future for the Federation."*

For the report and info: <https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw11422.asp>

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Nairobi, Kenya | 18–21 November 2009

SIDE EVENT
20 November – After closing the plenary
VIOLENCE & YABC

Violence prevention, mitigation & response

"The most prevalent vulnerabilities arise not just from disasters and diseases but also complex factors such as grievance born from deprivation and unfairness, marginalisation rooted in inequalities alienation and injustice, or despair that comes from loneliness, ignorance and poverty. Only too often, these are expressed through violence against oneself and others, and may be magnified into wider conflict between communities and nations." IFRC Strategy 2020

WHAT ?

- Presentation of the draft IFRC Global Strategy on Violence prevention, mitigation and response prepared by 22 National Societies
- Exchange of National Societies' experiences and programmes addressing violence.

Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC)

"We call on our National Societies to enable youth to take a leadership role in positively changing behaviours and attitudes in our communities, using peer and non-formal education methods such as the IFRC's "Youth as agents of behavioural change" initiative (...)" Youth Declaration Solferino, June 2009

WHAT ?

- Presentation of the Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) initiative
- Testimonies of National Societies' youth leaders
- Demonstration of the draft YABC toolkit
- Live singing performance

YABC workshop, 3rd World Youth Meeting "Youth in Action", Solferino 2009

Council of Delegates - WORKSHOP

Non-discrimination and Respect for Diversity

Chair: Dr. Ahmed Hassan, President Somali RC

Co-chair: Malika Ait-Mohamed Parent, Director of Cabinet to the IFRC Secretary General

Rapporteur: Marja Naarendorp, President of Suriname RC

The promotion of non-discrimination and respect for diversity is a vital issue for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as it concerns the implementation of our Fundamental Principles. Furthermore, non-discrimination is a cornerstone of the Principle of Impartiality.

Building on previous resolutions adopted during the Council of Delegates, the workshop focused on the promotion of non-discrimination and diversity both internally, within our National Societies and the Movement, as well as externally, in the community and global society where we work.

In preparation of this workshop, 44 National Societies from all regions were invited by the IFRC and ICRC to share their concrete experience, steps taken to overcome challenges and key factors for success. A total of 24 case studies were received from 17 National Societies. In each workshop, 3 National Societies joined the panel to present their case studies: *British RC, Canadian RC, Ecuadorian RC, The Netherlands RC, Mongolian RC, Rwandan RC, South African RC, Spanish RC, and Swedish RC*. Over the day, over 60 National Societies, together with the IFRC and ICRC took the floor.

Many grounds of discrimination were raised during the course of the day: youth, gender, migrants, HIV/AIDS status, religion, physical and mental disability, elderly, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, street children, sex workers, drug users, prisoners.

The open dialogue and vibrant exchange of experiences was highly appreciated by the workshop participants.

It was strongly recommended to put the topic of “non-discrimination and respect for diversity” on the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and to lobby with governments to value the contribution of the Movement towards shaping a more humane, equal and non-violent society.

Some other recommendations of the workshop are:

§ The entry point for all work on non-discrimination must be a firm willingness to critically look at oneself, and challenge our own attitudes, perceptions and behaviour.

§ Non-discrimination and diversity need to be strategically mainstreamed across RC/RC areas of work, rather than through a piecemeal, project approach.

§ In application of our Fundamental Principle of Unity, the composition of our National Societies must reflect the social set up of their country. Boards should mirror the diversity of the volunteer basis.

§ Formal, non-formal and informal education is key to start with. As such, an important role for our National Societies is to ensure that these relevant topics are integrated into the school curricula.

§ We need to act upon the dynamism, enthusiasm and expressed willingness of our RC/RC youth to take up a leadership role in their Societies and in our Movement. The Youth Declaration, adopted in Solferino, needs to be implemented.

§ Innovative and recently developed tools and initiatives, such as the IFRC’s self-reflection and learning online tool on non-discrimination and respect for diversity and the YABC initiative, shall be actively used by National Societies (below)



This newly developed tool by the P&V department, with the active input of 20 RC/RC National Societies, is now also available on the IFRC’s e-learning platform (in French, other languages forthcoming). For a short introduction to it, see the ppt presentation shared at the workshop: <https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw11422.asp>. To access this self-learning tool: www.ifrc.org/learning

Our National Societies in action

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Indonesian RC (Non-discrimination- HIV/AIDS)

The North Sulawesi chapter of the IRC, with the support of the Netherlands Red Cross, opened an information hotline on HIV/AIDS targeting youth (ages 14-24). This hotline also aims to reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS. Towards this end, the IRC trained community volunteers on HIV & AIDS issues on public speaking, counselling techniques, etc..



German RC (Non-Discrimination & Diversity)

German Red Cross Youth are implementing a project called "Our diversity – our strength" to develop practical ways to increase diversity and establish a culture of respect and appreciation in local Red Cross Youth branches. So far 60 branches have responded to the call.

www.jugendrotkreuz.de/index.php?id=visionmission

French and Lao Red Cross (Dissemination)

"Principles and values in action" was the topic of a workshop for Lao RC, organised by the French RC with the assistance of the IFRC (14 September).

In August 2009, the French RC organised a Training of Trainers on IHL, which also included the promotion of humanitarian values towards children and youth and the fostering of a society based on mutual respect, solidarity and peace. www.croix-rouge.fr

Cayman Islands RC (Non-Discrimination – HIV/AIDS)

On 9th June 2009, the Cayman Islands Red Cross launched its latest HIV/AIDS campaign, which raises awareness and promotes discussion about HIV and AIDS by tackling the larger topic of sex. "There are conflicting messages when it comes to sex," explained Programmes Manager, Carolina Ferreira. "...we have adults, mainly parents, who have the best of intentions but... unintentionally pass on the message that sex is something shameful". Campaign partners range from NGOs and community groups, to faith based organisations, government agencies, and even the private sector. www.redcross.org.ky



Nepal RC (Humanitarian Values)

Empowering participants with the skills to mainstream Humanitarian Values into all components of community development programmes was the goal of a recent 3 day training given by the Communications and Humanitarian Values Departments of the NRCS (18-20 September). The workshop gathered 24 participants and 5 facilitators, including the Secretary General, from twelve community development programme districts. www.nrsc.org

Danish RC (Education)

The DRC launched a national initiative called 'Humanity on the school bench' for pupils between 10 -14. It uses role plays and other activities that promote students' respect for one another. The topics cover: Empathy, Help and Cooperation, Communication, Responsibility, Equality and Social interaction in everyday life. lroe@drk.dk

Seychelles RC (Fundamental Principles)

On 26 September 2009, the RCSS organised a walk for the world to ensure commitment and support to all those in need. Amidst fun and games on the Red Cross principles, the 150 participants trekked 15km. There were questions on the Red Cross Movement along the way where each correct answer was awarded with a piece of puzzle. The puzzles were assembled on the beach after the walk, and participants had to identify the finished pictures.

<http://www.redcrossseychelles.sc>



Lebanese RC (Fundamental Principles)

In commemoration of the movement's 150th anniversary, The Lebanese Red cross; ICRC and the IFRC decorated a bus with the fundamental principles under the slogan "150 years...on the Road of Humanity". The RC bus set off to roam the country (from 8 May till the end of July), in order to disseminate our RC/RC ideals. www.redcross.org.lb



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YABC (Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change)

Egyptian RC

On the occasion of the international Youth Day, on August 12, YABC members from Egyptian Red Crescent performed a theatre playing on their volunteer work and the Movement's Principles and Values in the International Opera of Cairo. The celebration was attended by a number of ERC board members and dignitaries.



Columbia RC

The national HIV coordinator of the CRC shared the outcome of the YABC peer education workshop conducted in Solferino, reaching 40 staff and volunteers from 32 Branches in a gathering in Bogotá in July.

Tunisia RC and ARCCO

From 9 to 11 October, 26 volunteers from 9 NS gathered in the new volunteer training centre for the third MENA Youth Regional Meeting, under the theme "From Principles to Action". The workshop focused on the YABC initiative.

Ugandan Red Cross

From 16th-25th August 2009, the Uganda RC hosted an international youth camp under the theme "Make your move for a better world". Out of the 180 participants, 52 had the privilege to be selected to take part in a YABC training, co-conducted by National society peer educators and the P&V Department.

The training aimed at equipping the youth with skills to inspire positive behavioural change in their communities beginning with themselves.



Philippines RC

From 14-15 September, the Philippine RC's Youth Department organised a workshop focusing on skills to resist peer pressure on substance abuse and alcohol. It actively used non-cognitive materials from the YABC draft www.redcross.org.ph

Violence

Democratic Republic of Congo RC (GBV)

In order to counter the impact of rampant violence and sexual abuse during the country's civil wars, the North-Kivu Provincial Committee of the Red Cross has been working in the areas of awareness raising and psycho-social support. Since 2003, the RC has been working to better the plight of victims of sexual abuse with the support from the Swedish Red Cross and the IFRC.

Cambodian RC (Human Trafficking)

The strategy outlines CRC's work to prevent human trafficking and to respond to the needs of vulnerable migrants, victims and survivors of rape, domestic violence, trafficking, and those with missing family members. It mobilises Red Cross networks to provide humanitarian assistance, to eliminate discrimination and to build partnerships at all levels. sunkanha@gmail.com

Austrian RC (Elder abuse)

The "Breaking the Taboo" project aims to raise awareness on violence against older women. The project, aimed at the general public as well as health and social service professionals, was carried out from 2007-2009 within the European Commissions' Daphne II programme, and implemented by partners from Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Portugal. Its overall goal was to improve the situation of older women in families by empowering health and social service professionals to recognize abusive situations and to help combat them. Charlotte.Struempel@roteskreuz.at

Canadian RC (Violence prevention)

On September 21 over 100 supporters celebrated the 25th Anniversary of RespectED, the CRC's Violence & Abuse Prevention program, with a special "Day of Dialogue". The celebration honoured best prevention education practices from RespectED and several key partners. www.redcross.ca



Australian RC (Violence prevention)

A series of evidence summaries have been developed to assist the Australian Red Cross' Pacific Region Program to respond to the humanitarian and development needs of the most vulnerable people in concrete Pacific Island countries. The papers discuss in detail different aspects of violence in everyday life, such as violence against women by intimate partners and sexual violence; child abuse and neglect, elderly abuse; youth violence; suicide and violence in emergency situations. KWalsh@redcross.org.au

YABC

After a successful pilot-test in Solferino, multi-cultural teams of YABC National Society peer educators started field-testing the draft toolkit in the second semester of 2009.

Atlantis V organised by the Centre for cooperation in the Mediterranean, Morocco

From 2nd to 9th August 4 YABC peer educators (Tamer Ahmad from Egyptian Red Crescent, Sandra Lévine from French Red Cross, Simona Ranalli from the CCM and Charlotte Tocchio from the P&V Department) joined the International Youth Camp to challenge their peers' mindsets, attitudes and behaviours, and were challenged in return! 25 participants had the opportunity to experience the unconventional "from heart to mind" learning methodology used in the YABC initiative. Once again, YABC spread Mahatma Ghandi's wisdom to "be the change you want to see in the world" and was warmly welcomed by our National Societies' youth from the Mediterranean basin.



YABC, operating from inner peace, Atlantis

UN Human Rights Council; September, Geneva

Dr. Katrien Beeckman, Head of the P&V department, shared the success of YABC in light of the 150th RC/RC anniversary celebrated in Solferino in June. She emphasised how the IFRC is "strongly committed to promoting a global culture of respect for diversity, non-violence and social inclusion where human values are not only respected but truly celebrated and illustrated how IFRC is building the capacity of youth world-wide to take up a leadership and educational role in society through our initiative Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change.

She called on all State representatives attending the Council to reflect on our RC/RC youth's fresh inspiration and willpower, and to act upon it, by acknowledging that *promoting human rights and nurturing human values, starts with ourselves.*

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/speech09/kb220909.asp>; video: <http://www.un.org/webcast/unhrc/archive.asp?go=090922>

Uganda Red Cross Society International Youth Camp

From 17 to 23 August, 2 YABC peer educators (Hannington Segirinya from the URCS and Charlotte Tocchio from the P&V department) joined the International Youth Camp to raise their peers' awareness on non-discrimination and respect for diversity, gender and sexual orientation and to equip them with important behavioural skills such as critical thinking, dropping bias, non-violent communication and mediation. Challenging and self-reflecting conversations animated the debriefing sessions, and all youth emphasised the relevance and need of this powerful tool to be implemented at all levels!



YABC in URCS international youth camp

North Africa Regional Delegation, in collaboration with the P&V department



Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, Palestine, Côte d'Ivoire National Societies sent 17 youth leaders to receive a YABC initiation and peer education training. The gathering was organised in November by the IFRC Regional Delegation for North Africa and hosted by the Tunisian Red Crescent. Through an interactive and experiential self and group-learning platform, these youth also acquired the basic essential knowledge in adult learning. The gathering's main focus was migration, it strongly contributed to strengthening the relationships between volunteers within the region and gave birth to several YABC structures in their National Societies.

Gender

Gender Based Violence Video broadcasted on IFRC YouTube Channel



The Southern African Zone in collaboration with the Malawi Red Cross produced the film "Let's talk about it: Gender based violence in Dzaleka refugee camp, Malawi." It focuses on domestic violence, unwanted pregnancies and

illustrates how MCRS is tackling GBV in the refugee camp.

http://www.youtube.com/ifrc#play/uploads/4/qZItAqH_ntk

UN and NGO Task Force on PSEA

The internal IFRC taskforce on PSEXA is liaising with the ECHA/ECPS UN & NGO Task Force on PSEXA towards the implementation of an Inter-Agency Review of PSEXA standards and preparedness. The purpose of the review is to promote accountability; to learn by identifying key challenges/gaps/needs and to develop recommendations on how to overcome them

Statement on PSEXA, ECOSOC, July, Geneva

On 28 July, Vera Kremb, P&V senior gender officer addressed ECOSOC delegates on "Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the UN system". The statement recalled the need to protect the beneficiaries of humanitarian relief programs by enhancing gender equality.

She emphasized the IFRC's commitment to gender issues in general, and to PSEXA in specific, through the Federation's Pledge 101. The pledge is a Federation-wide commitment to prevent any abuse of power, and to protect our beneficiaries from sexual abuse and exploitation through its code of conduct and a zero tolerance policy. IFRC has also established an independent call centre to which misconduct by staff can be reported to. <http://www.safecall.co.uk/confidential-report.phpifrc@safecall.co.uk>

Mainstreaming Gender

Disaster management (DM) managers and the senior gender officer met in mid-September to exchange technical information and to brainstorm on how to further integrate gender into DM programmes. The P&V senior gender officer presented the recommendations issued from the zonal DM and gender workshop held in Nepal last June. The DM team is discussing its priority areas for gender mainstreaming within its overall work portfolio and gender into DM guidelines are under preparation.

IASC Sub-Working Group on Gender and Humanitarian Action, 8-9 October 2009, NY

The yearly meeting, attended by the P&V senior gender advisor, focused on the preparation of the new work plan for 2010. This Sub-working Group was created in November 2006 and feeds into the overall work of the IASC (Inter-Agency standing Committee).

Violence

IFRC Advisory Body on health and community services, August

Katrien Beeckman, Head of the P&V department, presented the draft *IFRC Global Strategy on violence prevention, mitigation and response*. This strategy is a concrete follow up of the 30th International Conference in 2007 and was drafted by a network of 25 National Societies, under the leadership of Spanish Red Cross (Sandra Gutierrez Hernandez, Staff on Loan in the P&V department) and Canadian Red Cross (Judi Fairholm and Gurvindher Singh, RespectEd).



With a view to maximising the consultation process and ownership of the IFRC Global Strategy on Violence, the IFRC Secretary General sent an official invitation early January to all National Societies to provide feedback on the draft. Contact: sandra.gutierrez@ifrc.org or consult <https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw185921.asp>

IFRC Americas zone (Child abuse)

The Americas zone organised in September three virtual trainings on child abuse for its teams in Buenos Aires, Lima, Port of Spain, Panama and El Salvador. The training entitled, "Ten Steps to Creating Safe Environments for Children and Youth", was conducted by Gurvindher Singh from the Canadian Red Cross' RespectED programme. By conducting this first time virtual, environmentally friendly training, the Americas zone paves the way for a change in IFRC day to day working methodologies aligned with modern communication technology... a precursor thus of Strategy 2020 implementation. Congratulations to the Americas zone and the Canadian Red Cross!

WHO – 4th Milestones of a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention Meeting, September, Geneva

The WHO's World report on violence and health, released in October 2002, associated to its Global Campaign for Violence Prevention, details a public health approach to violence prevention. It identifies nine recommendations for building links with other global health issues, such as focusing on the social determinants of health and enhancing collaboration between the public health and criminal justice. The IFRC Secretariat and Canadian Red Cross delegation, highlighted the role of National Societies in bringing a *great deal of strength to work inside communities against violence*.

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/speech09/cl180909.asp>

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Action for Women Film Contest

On the occasion of the Venice International Film Festival, Youtube launched on September 9th, 2009, in partnership with the IFRC, the Italian Chamber of Deputies and in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the Cinecittà film studio, a contest for filmmakers on the theme of *Violence against Women*. <http://www.youtube.com/actionforwomen>



64th UN General Assembly, September 2009, NY : Report on the human rights of migrants. The Special Rapporteur drew attention to the interconnection between xenophobic and racist attacks against migrants, and their non-national status. The increase of attacks as a result of the global financial crisis is as a warning that xenophobic outbreaks may be on the rise. <http://daccessdds.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N09/437/77/PDF/N0943777.pdf?OpenElement>

UN Security Council Adopts Text Mandating Peacekeeping Missions to Protect Women, Girls from Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict (September, 2009). The Security Council decided to specifically mandate peacekeeping missions to protect women and children from rampant sexual violence during armed conflict. <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/sc9753.doc.htm>

Interpersonal violence and illicit drugs :

The links between interpersonal violence and illicit drug use, a type of self-directed violence; risk factors for involvement in drug-related violence and prevention measures that address drug-related violence are identified in a publication from Liverpool John Moores University, Centre for Public Health, in collaboration with WHO's Department of Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability.

http://www.who.int/violenceprevention/interpersonal_violence_and_illicit_drug_use.pdf

Human Development report 2009 : Migration



The Report, which was officially launched in Bangkok on 5 October, argues that migration has the potential to enhance human development while benefiting both source and destination communities.

<http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2009/>

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on 'Urban areas and youth violence':

http://eesc.europa.eu/documents/opinions/avis_en.asp?type=en

ECPAT International "Report of the World Congress III against Sexual Exploitation of Children & Adolescents", held in Brazil in November 2008, was followed by a year-long process of global review and planning. A broad range of stakeholders engaged in promoting a child's right to protection from sexual exploitation, were involved. The process culminated with the *Rio Declaration and Plan for Action against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents*.

http://www.ecpat.net/WorldCongressIII/PDF/Publications/ECPATWCIII/Report_FINAL.pdf

"Handbook for Legislation on Violence Against Women": [http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/handbook/Handbook%20for%20legislation%20on%20violence%20against%20women%20\(advance\).pdf](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/handbook/Handbook%20for%20legislation%20on%20violence%20against%20women%20(advance).pdf)

United Nations Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon appoints Marta Santos Pais as his Special Representative on violence against children at the level of Assistant Secretary-General. <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-7RMS4A?OpenDocument>

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, says millions of people around the world are denied their human rights because of, what she calls, the "scourge of discrimination". Pillay told the 47-member U.N. Human Rights Council, that women and ethnic minorities are among those who are most victimized by human rights abuses. <http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-09-15-voa53.cfm>

IASC Task Force on Meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban areas The shelter and P&V department provided input to the IASC report on urban violence -Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas



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