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Dear Ms Shiplel,

On August 12 we received through crinmail your mail about child soldiers in Congo. We stand with Human Rights Watch in all its work and, as we are a Human Rights NGO that works for children, specially for children members of families that were victims of Chilean Military Dictatorship, we want to congratulate you specially for your Children's Rights Division.

We would like to know more about what's the work that Children's Rights Division does. We believe that it is also very important the new Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers. Have you studied the case of child soldiers in Colombia? If it is so, could you please send us more information about that case?

On August 19 we sent a mail through crinmail (in Spanish) about child soldiers in Colombia, that appeared in a Chilean newspaper "La Nacion". An Officer of the Colombian Armed Forces said: "... most of the partisans of the rebel forces are children. We saw how these children appeared, they came running towards us. And that is how we killed them. And more and more children came to us ... There was a little girl crying for her mother, I went near her, but she was dying. I could'nt do anything because a grenade exploded near us..."

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