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NGO GROUP FOR THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD  
FOCAL POINT ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Regular update on the Focal Point collaborative programme

· A Russian NGO appeal was sent by the Focal Point through the CRIN Mail, requesting assistance from international and other influential human rights activists and NGOs for lobbying action towards Russian authorities on the issue of children's rights in the Russian Federation.

· During the next Commission on Human Rights, the Focal Point will be carrying briefings for NGOs regarding:

- the 5th session of the Working Group for a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography;
- its activities.

· The Focal Point is preparing reports for input to the 22nd pre-session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (7-11 June 1999), on issues related directly or indirectly to the sexual exploitation and abuse of children. The following countries will be addressed: India, Mali, Mexico, the Netherlands and Venezuela.

· It will submit a background paper on the ten countries covered

by the

Inter-American Children's Rights Institute seminar on 18-19 March 1999 summarising concluding observations from relevant treaty bodies.

· It is collaborating closely with IMADR (International Movement Against

All Forms of Discrimination and Racism) on international initiatives in

Geneva and Vienna regarding trafficking in children.

· It is organising the next consultation of its Support Group, which is to

take place in Geneva, in mid-September 1999. The consultation will have a

thematic and regional focus and will involve Governments, international

organisations, NGOs, academia and experts.

· In addition to reference documents related to the Stockholm follow-up,

the Focal Point web site ([www.childhub.ch/dcifp/focalpoint.html](http://www.childhub.ch/dcifp/focalpoint.html)) is including an increasing number of best practices, in English, French and

Spanish.

· New publications since 1998:

-- Newsletter and Calendar of Events in January 1999 (next issue in April)

both in English and French;

-- Compilation of follow-up activities and projects to the Stockholm World

Congress for the year 1998 (first addenda in April).

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