

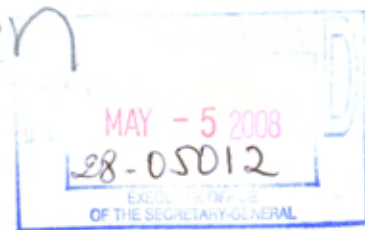
Violence Against Children

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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General,
The United Nations,
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Date: 4/5/2008

City: Cairo

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

RE: Appointment of the SRSG on Violence Against Children

We are writing to you as one of the many organisations that signed the petition calling for the appointment of the SRSG in October 2007. As you know, over 1,000 organisations from around the world called on the United Nations to establish such a mandate, a call endorsed by 183 Member States in the GA Resolution A/62/141.

We welcome the progress that your Office is making towards the appointment of the Special Representative on Violence Against Children. We would, however, like to raise some concerns with you regarding the process, which we know are shared very widely among those working at international, regional and national level to eliminate violence against children. In particular:

1. **Independence:** Resolution A/62/141 requests that the mandate of the SRSG should be "effective