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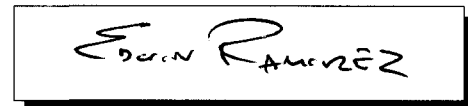
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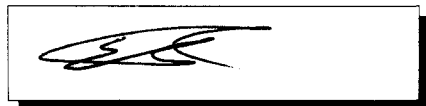
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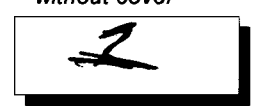
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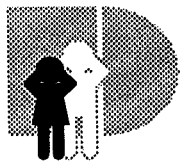


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The future United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

EARLIER THIS YEAR, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights approved the draft of the Convention on the Rights of the Child submitted to it by the Working Group set up ten years previously to formulate the text. The draft now goes before the UN General Assembly for consideration and, hopefully, adoption. Thus 1989 could be a very symbolic year for children, as the adoption of the Convention this year would be a fitting commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the 10th anniversary of the International Year of the Child.

When it enters into force, this convention will set universally agreed standards for the protection of children and will provide an invaluable framework for advocacy on behalf of children and families, and for the development of programmes and policies that will ensure a healthier and safer future for children in every country in the world.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Defence for Children International (DCI) are pleased to present this third edition of their Briefing Kit on the future Convention. The prospect of this Convention becoming a reality has already produced a level of interest and support — at all levels and throughout the world — that is probably unprecedented in the history of international human rights instruments. We hope that this kit will contribute to generating even more interest and to creating the most positive climate possible for the ratification and effective implementation of the Convention.

This kit exists in English, French and Spanish, and is available to governments, international organizations, mass media, national and community groups, as well as to interested individuals. The contents may be reproduced freely in the mass media or by groups wishing to translate all or parts of the kit into other languages. We would appreciate your comments and suggestions for using this material.

DCI and UNICEF gratefully acknowledge the support and technical advice of the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, and we would also like to thank the many Government and NGO representatives who have offered invaluable comments during the preparation of this material.

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