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SUBJECT: Suggested Speaking Points to 1987 Annual General Meeting of the NGO Committee on UNICEF

The NGO Committee will be conducting elections for a new Executive Board and discussing a number of NGO Working Group Reports at their Annual General Meeting on 23 April. Discussion in connection with the Committee Working Group papers will cover several topics of interest to UNICEF. Among these will be discussions on "Action for Children", overall UNICEF-NGO relations and an NGO Committee Report on NGO/UNICEF follow-up on Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances and the draft Convention on the Rights of the Child.

I would like to take this opportunity of the Annual General Meeting to brief the Committee on changes within the New York NGO office and describe some of what UNICEF hopes to achieve by the NGO Unit's incorporation into DIPa. I would welcome the opportunity to speak for ten minutes at the conclusion of your remarks and would be grateful if you would invite me to brief the Committee in this area.

The NGOs are anxious to hear you address a number of issues. The following list of suggested speaking points reflect those areas you might want to include in your remarks.

- 1. NGOs and strategic alliances with NGOs as a fundamental element in UNICEF's social mobilization strategy

Here, I would suggest you might emphasize the continuing growth and emphasis on co-operation between UNICEF and international and national NGOs in all UNICEF country and headquarters offices. This would include national and international NGOs as a vital partner in achieving social mobilization for child survival and development and the important advocacy role of NGOs in creating a social climate for "children first".

- 2. Convention on the Rights of the Child

UNICEF's commitment to facilitate the rapid conclusion of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and advocacy to promote the protection and implementation of these rights by governments.

- 3. Children in especially difficult circumstances

Acknowledgement of the continued and pioneering role of NGOs like Radda Barnen, Defence for Children, Childhope and many others in expanding what is known and what can be done for children in especially difficult circumstances. UNICEF relies on these NGO partners to reach children in conflict, abandonment and exploitative circumstances and will need their help once again in addressing the situation of children in the African Front Line States.

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4. Innocenti

Innocenti will provide a forum where NGOs, communicators and the wide range of specialists in areas affecting children can gather to exchange experiences and develop new strategies for children. Innocenti will become an important resource for NGOs, universities, research bodies, governments and UNICEF alike. The NGO community will have a very large role to play in the centre.

5. The NGO Committee on UNICEF

The NGO Committee continues to be an important part of the UNICEF family in its advisory and consultative role to UNICEF. UNICEF thanks Canon Moerman, Susan Hammerman and other members of the previous Board for their accomplishments and hard work and looks forward to working with the new Executive Board of the Committee to develop even closer lines of communication and co-operation.