

**Commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the
adoption of the Optional Protocols to Convention on the Rights of the Child
on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
and on the involvement of children in armed conflict**

New York, 3 June 2010

Aim of the meeting

To ascertain how the Executive Board members can build on the 25 May 2010 commemoration and launch event as it relates to the Campaign on the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and so contribute to the overall aim of universal ratification by 2012.

Introduction (5 minutes)

H.E. Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, President of UNICEF Executive Board

Remarks

–Mr. Anthony Lake, UNICEF Executive Director (5 minutes)

–Ms. Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (5 minutes)

–Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict; delivered through video recording (5 minutes)

–Prof. Yanghee Lee, Chairperson, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child;
Statement to be delivered by Ms. Maggie Nicholson, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York (5 minutes)

Presentations by Bangladesh, Italy, Slovenia, Tunisia and Uruguay

Interactive discussion drawing upon the above presentations and focusing on the following topics:

–What are the Executive Board members' experiences with ratifying and implementing the Optional Protocols?

–How can the Executive Board members contribute to the overall aim of achieving universal ratification and effective implementation?

–What strategies can the Executive Board members – both those who are States Parties and those who are not – present?

Conclusion (5 minutes)

H.E. Dr A.K. Abdul Momen, President of UNICEF Executive Board