



## **Working Session with the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the Elimination of Child Trafficking, Exploitation and Labor**

### **FINAL COMMUNIQUE**

On Wednesday the 15th of February, 2012 from 3 :45 – 4 :30 PM, a meeting between the National Oversight Committee and the Inter-ministerial Committee Elimination of Child Trafficking, Exploitation and Labor was held at the CRRAE-UMOA building in the Plateau neighborhood of Abidjan.

This meeting was chaired by the First Lady, Mrs. Dominique OUATTARA, President of the National Oversight Committee on the Elimination of Trafficking, Exploitation and Child Labor and the participation of all the Ministers who are members of the Inter-ministerial Committee and the International and National members of the National Oversight Committee were duly noted. This meeting addressed the following subjects:

1. Introduction of the members of the National Oversight Committee and the those of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the Elimination of Child Trafficking, Exploitation and Labor
2. Working methodology between the two Committees
3. Functions of the Inter-ministerial Committee
4. Process for the elaboration of and validation of the National Action Plan for the Elimination of Trafficking and the Worst Forms of Child Labor
5. Coordination of Communications of both Committees

This meeting was preceded by a meeting of the National Oversight Committee which took place from 3 to 3:45 PM at the CRRAE-UMOA Conference Center.

This technical meeting with the members of the National Oversight Committee was Chaired by the First Lady and covered the following topics::

1. Introduction of the members of the National Oversight Committee
2. Approval of the membership structure of the National Oversight Committee
3. Proposal of Strategic Priorities for 2012 (for consideration by the Committee)
4. Operating procedures for the National Oversight Committee

In the course of the meeting with the members of the National Oversight Committee, the following topics were agreed:

**Concerning the Membership of the Committee:**

The National Oversight Committee on the Elimination of Child Trafficking, Exploitation and Labor will be composed of the following organizations:

International Organizations

- 1- UNICEF (United Nations Fund for Children)
- 2- ILO (International Labor Organization)
- 3- Save The Children
- 4- IRC (International Rescue Committee)
- 5- BICE (International Catholic Office for Children)
- 6- International Cocoa Initiative

National Organizations

- 7- Coffee and Cocoa Council
- 8- GEPEX (Exporters Group)

- 9- GNI (International Traders Group)
- 10- UGTCl (General Workers Union of Côte d'Ivoire)
- 11- National NGO Forum to Support Children
- 12- Fraternité Sans Limite
- 13- Kavokiva Cooperative of Haut Sassandra
- 14- Children of Africa Foundation

### **Concerning the Strategic Priorities in 2012**

The Strategic Priorities for 2012 are under consideration by the members and will be finalized at the next meeting.

### **Concerning the Collaboration between the Two Committees**

- There will be monthly meetings between the two committees
- There will be bi-monthly meetings between the Executive Secretariats of the Two Committees

Following the two meetings, the following next steps were agreed upon:

- Both Committees will submit budgets within the next 2 weeks
- A communications working group will be set up to develop and agree to a common communications strategy for the two Committees

On behalf of the National Oversight Committee and the Inter-ministerial Committee on the Elimination of Trafficking, Exploitation and Child Labor

I offer you my thanks.

Signed, Abidjan, February 15, 2012