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Addendum

GENERAL COMMENTS (continued)

Member States (continued)

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Having analysed articles I to X, we find that they reproduce the content of the ten articles of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child which were adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1959, and to which the following might be added:

1. A child who is adopted by nationals of a country other than his country of origin shall enjoy the same rights as are accorded to children of the country in which he is adopted.
2. A child who engages in asocial behaviour shall be given special treatment in which his condition and dignity are duly respected.

In addition, we submit a few suggestions which might be taken into account in the Convention:

1. A permanent United Nations agency should be created to monitor implementation of the rights of the child by Member States.
2. States Parties to the Convention should undertake to ratify the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, adopted at the United Nations General Assembly held at Geneva in 1959, with any amendments or revisions which may result from its analysis and revision.
3. Any plan or programme which a nation may adopt in relation to children should consider the child as an active and participating member of a society in general and of a family in particular, so

that his actions are not dissociated from the social environment in which he lives, and so that he is not regarded as an abstract subject alien to any objective reality.

4. The item concerning the Convention should include as a topic of discussion the development of new scientific methods for the fertilization and preservation of human reproductive cells and experiments concerning their genetic structure.
5. Steps should be taken in the States Members of the United Nations to promote solidarity with the children of developing countries.