

**Children not for sale!**

## **Conference against Commercial Sexual Exploitation**

**National Preparation for the Worldcongres III**

10 June 2008

Place: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin



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## **Children are not for sale!**

Sexual exploitation is one of the most severe violations of children's rights. 1.8 million girls and boys worldwide are forced into prostitution and pornography. 1.2 million children are traded as merchandise. These are the estimates of the first global study on violence against children published by the Secretary General of the United Nations. The overall dimension of sexual exploitation of children and young people is still unknown because perpetrators usually act in secrecy and this subject is treated like a taboo in most societies.

The United Nations, individual States, international bodies such as the European Council and several non-governmental organizations have made important steps in the past 15 years to protect children, to undertake prevention work and persecute the crimes on an international level. The World Congresses in Stockholm in 1996 and Yokohama in 2001 were milestones in the worldwide fight against sexual exploitation.

The Third World Congress against Sexual Exploitation of children and young people takes place in Rio de Janeiro from 25 to 28 November. It aims at combining all efforts worldwide to better protect children in the future. Especially new challenges such as the internet, as an anonymous platform to exchange child pornography and initiate child prostitution, require new, international answers.

With the Conference "Children are not for Sale!" Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, UNICEF and ECPAT will bring forward the protection of children against sexual exploitation. The conference shall give the opportunity for experts to develop joint positions and a working programme towards the World Congress in Rio. The interested public is invited to learn more about the issue and to get involved.

## Programme

**Tuesday, 10 June 2008**

- 9.30am **Welcome**  
Christiane Kesper, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung  
Dr. Jürgen Heraeus, Chairman, German Committee for UNICEF  
Mechtild Maurer, Executive Director, ECPAT Germany
- 10am **Sexual Exploitation of Children – a Global Business**  
Hilde Johnson, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF New York
- 10.30am **Working groups**
1. Prevention  
Moderation: Christa Dammermann, Save the Children Germany
  2. Child Protection and Reintegration  
Moderation: Dr. Gabriele Gahn, GTZ
  3. Internet  
Moderation: Sabine Herzig, German Youth Institute, Munich
  4. The Perspective of Young People  
Moderation: Erika Georg-Monney, Chair ECPAT Germany
- 12.30pm **Plenary**
- 1pm **Break/Press Conference**
- 2pm **German and European Initiatives against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**  
Marlene Rupprecht, Member of the Committee on Family Affairs and Member of the Subcommittee for Children of the Federal Parliament
- 2.30pm **Exploitation Unlimited – Child Trafficking, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography in the Internet**  
Ruben Rodriguez, President INHOPE, Dublin
- 3pm **Discussion „Who protects the children?“**  
Hilde Johnson, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF, New York  
Marlene Rupprecht, Member of the Committee on Family Affairs and Member of the Subcommittee for Children of the Federal Parliament  
Ruben Rodriguez, President INHOPE, Dublin  
Catharina Schymczyk, Youth Representative, ECPAT Germany  
Mechtild Maurer, Executive Director, ECPAT Germany  
Katja Riemann, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
- 4.30pm Final Discussion of Outcome Document and Appeal to Public
- 5pm End

Moderator: Bascha Mika (chief editor, „taz – die tageszeitung“)

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