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Esteemed Members and Friends of the GNRC

I am contacting you today to offer you some updates on plans for the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children, which occurs annually on Universal Children's Day (20 November.) As you know, the GNRC launched the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children at its Third Forum in Hiroshima in 2008. On the World Day, a service of prayer or reflection is accompanied by common actions to stop violence against children and improve their lives at the community level. World Day action and advocacy are inspired by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and guided by the United Nations Study on Violence against Children.

In the five years since it was launched by the GNRC, the World Day has been able to increase its activities more than threefold -- in fact it has mobilized a total of 300 activities in over 85 countries. I note with a great sense of pride that the GNRC has been instrumental in the growing success of the World Day. Each year nearly 40% of all World Day activities are planned and executed by GNRC colleagues. According to the World Day evaluation report for 2012, close to 75% of survey respondents participated in the World Day to develop more partnerships. When asked to share their opinion on the goal of the World Day, the top three responses were: to encourage youth participation projects, advance multi-faith collaboration and foster partnerships between religious and secular organizations.

As you know the World Day highlights three proven child protection strategies (1) protect children through universal birth registration, (2) promote positive parenting, (3) and end child marriage. When asked how important these were to their communities, over 75% of respondents said Positive Parenting was very important, close to 50% said ending Child Marriage was very important and over 50% said Universal Birth Registration was very important.

Given this important feedback from the World Day annual evaluation report, I trust that you will wish to re-engage in the World Day this year. If you are new to the GNRC, this is an excellent way to join our dynamic interfaith global network.

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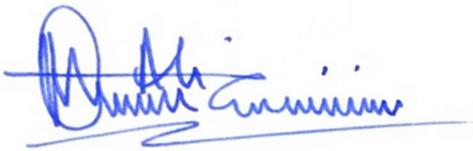
Interfaith Cooperation for a Better World for Children

Please visit the World Day website: www.dayofprayerandaction.org for more ideas. If you are new to the GNRC and looking for ideas, you may wish to check out the Success Stories <http://www.dayofprayerandaction.org/what-we-do/success-stories>.

Finally, do not hesitate to contact our staff, GNRC Network and Programs Manager Mr. Belall Maudarbux on belall.maudarbux@gnrc.net OR the World Day Secretariat mail@dayofprayerandaction.org for more information. The GNRC Youth members can contact the GNRC Youth Coordinator Ms. Miriam Rubino on m.rubino@gnrc.net OR the World Day Secretariat mail@dayofprayerandaction.org for more information.

In closing, allow me to once again request for your collaboration, which will—as has always been—key to a successful World Day celebration.

Sincerely,



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