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ALBANIA: MANIFESTATION AGAINST CHILD LABOUR AND CHILD EXPLOITATION

12 JUNE - 12 MESSAGES - 12 PERSONALITIES OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Tuesday, 11.00 o'clock, in front of Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs
and Equal Opportunities

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

12 June all over the World is a day where civil society, trade unions and media, protest or engage in awareness and advocacy activities against child labour and child exploitation. The Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania - CRCA since 1999 has protested together with children, in many cities of Albania, under the motto: STOP CHILD LABOUR AND EXPLOITATION!

This year CRCA in partnership with Coalition against Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ACTSEC), have taken the initiative to join our voice with many other major civil society organisations in Albania to demonstrate in front of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs on 12 June 2007. We want to ask the Albanian Government and the Ministry of Labour to act against child labour and exploitation of children.

In this manifestation we have invited 12 personalities from civil society to give 12 messages in support of child labourers in order to sensitise the public opinion and Government of Albania on this negative phenomena that has touched the lives of tens of thousands of children.

This 12 of June 2007, 11.00 hrs, in front of the in front of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, we will demonstrate together under the motto: Stop Child Labour and Child Exploitation! CRCA has invited 12 personalities of civil society to give 12 messages in this day and they include:

1. CRCA - Public Statement "Stop Child Labour and Child Exploitation in Albania"
2. Mrs. Kozara Kati - Albanian Centre for Human Rights
3. Mrs. Vasilika Hysi - Albanian Helsinki Committee
4. Mr. Skender Veliu - Roma Union "Amaro Drom"
5. Mr. Genci Terpo - Albanian Human Rights Group
6. Mrs. Hajrie Hasanaj - Association in Support of Orphan Children
7. Mr. Adrian Kati - Albanian Centre for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture
8. Mrs. Vera Lesko - "Earth" Centre, Vlora
9. Mrs. Ingrid Trajani - The Red House (In support of Children with disability)
10. Mrs. Olimbi Hoxhaj - Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Albania
11. Mr. Arbi Mazniku - MJAFT Movement
12. Mrs. Julinda Gjika - Albanian Youth Parliament

On behalf of CRCA I have the pleasure to invite you and your organisation to be a part of this manifestation and to support children who work or are exploited. Come and have your say against child labour and child exploitation in Albania.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact with us.

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ALBANIA: TOT ON THE TREATMENT OF JUVENILES AND WOMEN IN PENITENTIARY INSTITUTIONS

On 4-6 June 2007, AHC carried out the Train of Trainers (ToT) program where 23 Albanian trainers from Lezha, Burrel, Tepelena, Jordan Misja, Ali Demi, Peqin, Rrogozhina, Vaqarr, Mine Peza, Kruja institutions, Prisons Hospital, Training Center of Prisons (TCP) staff, legal and social issues directorate staff of the General Directorate of Prisons (GDP) were trained on the treatment of juveniles and women in penitentiary institutions. They were also provided with didactical skills necessary for continuous training of their colleagues on such issues.

Trainers in this training were two Dutch Prison Service experts, one Albanian expert from the Albanian prison administration and one Dutch expert from an independent professional training institute.

More concretely, trainers treated issues like psychological implication of detention of women and juveniles, the atmosphere in a women and juvenile regime; issues related to babies, children, health service and other support activities, conflict management, daily programs, safe climate in the penitentiary institutions, basic skills of motivational interviewing, staff training, and best practice on different programs/activities in women and juveniles penitentiary institution. Participants were provided with the first draft of the manual by means of which they were trained to give an interactive training at the final day of this activity on juveniles and women topics.

Based on the evaluation conducted by the end of the ToT, all participants highly appreciated this activity as the first of this kind. They considered it as very valuable and useful for their present work and most importantly for the future continuous training of the uniform, education, health care staff

in penitentiary institutions. Local trainers will draft a working plan of such further training based on the training manual which will be finalized by AHC experts by September 2007 and the TCP will train the newly recruited staff in pre-trial institutions already now under the responsibility of the GDP.

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ALBANIA: MJAFT FOUNDATION NEW INITIATIVE HELPS YOUNG ALBANIANS TO EXPLORE EUROPE

MJAFT Foundation, in partnership with the Agenda Institute, the European Movement - Albania, and the German Embassy declares open the competition for the project TRAVELLING TO EUROPE .

The core of the project TRAVELLING TO EUROPE is very simple and is the best feature of this project that makes it attractive for students.

The main idea is to make it possible for the best 30 - 50 students of the Universities in Albania to enjoy traveling freely throughout Europe. All students will be equipped with an Inter-rail ticket and a Schengen Visa during the Summer 2007, that will enable them to travel around European cities for 30 days. Each student will be free to draw their personal itinerary.

To find out more about the criteria and documents for this application please visit: www.euroudhetim.org. On this web site you can download the Application Form as well as get more information on the project in general.

The last date to submit an application is June 20th, 2007.

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