

Appendix A

Agenda for the First Hearings of the International Tribunal for Children's Rights on The Protection of War-Affected Children: Securing Children's Rights in the Context of Armed Conflict

MONDAY APRIL 3, 2000

OPENING RECEPTION

13:00 – 17:30

Preparatory Sessions

19:30 – 21:00

Opening Reception

- Andrée Ruffo, President; International Bureau for Children's Rights, Canada
- Professor Ivor Crewe, Vice-Chancellor, Essex University, England
- Ms. Carolyn Browne, Foreign Office, Human Rights Department, United Kingdom
- Mr. Chetan Kumar representing Olara Ottunu; Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, United Nations

TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2000

08:00 – 09:00

Registration & Welcoming of Participants

09:00 – 09:15

Official opening statement by the President of the Tribunal

09:15 – 09:45

Overview of issues associated with war-affected children:

Keynote Address by Chetan Kumar representing Olara Ottunu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

09:45 – 10:15

Preserving the rights of civilian children in armed conflict: Testimony of Carolyn Hamilton, Children in Armed Conflict Unit, Children's Legal Centre, Essex University

10:15 – 10:30

Questions to Chetan Kumar and Carolyn Hamilton from members of the Tribunal

10:30 – 10:45

Interventions by other participants

10:45 – 11:00

coffee break

First Theme:

Compliance with and Obligation to International Standards Protecting Children in Armed Conflict

Session One: Existing weaknesses in mechanisms enforcing obligation by non-governmental armed groups to international standards and norms

11:00 – 11:30

Lack of accountability and obligations of non-governmental armed groups:

Testimony of Raffael Vonivier, Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies, South Africa

11:30 – 12:00

In an area of armed conflict: The status of Palestinian children's rights in Israeli Occupied Territory: Testimony of Khaled Quzmar, Lawyer, Defence for Children International-Palestine Section, Israeli Occupied Territory

12:00 – 12:30

Coffee break

12:30 – 12:45

Questions to Raphael Vonivier and Khaled Quzmar from members of the Tribunal

12:45 – 13:00

Interventions by other participants

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch (Guest Speaker: Andrée Ruffo, President, International Bureau for Children's Rights)