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Digital Rights of the Child Campaign

The 20th November 2009 marks the 20th Anniversary of the publication of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Along with the optional protocols that have followed, this profoundly important document set the political, economic, social and civil rights that protect children worldwide.

The Internet and other digital networks afford young people immeasurable opportunities to learn, communicate, and develop their understanding of the world. However, young people are often the most vulnerable users of these technologies.

Many states and non-governmental organisations are to be praised for the steps they have taken to ensure that children have safe and meaningful

access to the Internet, and for cooperating across borders to bring to justice those who might threaten or exploit them.

This petition calls upon the UN to work in cooperation with legislators and civil society around the world to examine and assess whether the Convention on the Rights of the Child fully addresses the needs of children in the digital age.

It would be particularly significant if this work could be completed for presentation by 2nd September 2010, the 20th Anniversary of the Convention coming into force. This day should be celebrated, and further measures to nurture and protect children would be a fitting and important part of that celebration.



For more information go to:

<http://fosi.org/cms/index.php/international-policy.html>



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Our Campaign

Led by Derek Wyatt MP, this campaign is already well underway. Ed Balls, the UK Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families has already pledged the UK Governments support. In a letter to Derek, Mr Balls said he was *“very happy to offer to offer my support for your campaign and pledged to examine whether the implementation and reporting arrangements of the Convention....adequately address child safety online.”*

The Convention sets out these rights in 54 articles and two optional protocols. It spells out the basic human rights that children everywhere have: the right to survival; to develop to the fullest; to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation; and to participate fully

in family, cultural and social life. However, much has changed since 1989, and we believe that this milestone gives us an excellent opportunity to look at the Convention to address the different world in which our children are growing up.

The Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI) which represents many of world’s leading Internet brands fully supports this campaign, along with many other organisations and individuals.

For more information go to:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm>

To sign the petition go to:

http://www.derekwyattmp.co.uk/news_item.aspx?i_PageID=117916



So if you think that children should have the same rights online as they do offline, join our campaign by going to:

<http://fosi.org/cms/index.php/international-policy.html>

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