

**Ministerial Follow-Up Forum to the Paris Commitments and Paris Principles on
Children Associated with Armed Forces or Armed Groups**

New York, September 29th 2009, 3 – 5 p.m.

United Nations Headquarters, Trusteeship Council

AGENDA

Opening Remarks Mr. Alain Joyandet, French Minister of State for Cooperation and Francophonie (10 minutes)

Panel (3:10 – 4 p.m.)

1. Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Children and Armed Conflict (10 minutes)
2. Mr Walter A. Fuellemann, ICRC Head of Delegation and Permanent Observer to the United Nations (on behalf of the Paris Principles Steering Group on Children and Armed Conflict) (10 minutes)
3. Ms Ann M. Veneman, UNICEF Executive Director (10 minutes)

Question & Answer (20 minutes)

Official Ceremony for new Member State Endorsements of the Paris Commitments
(4 – 5 p.m.)

Those countries who wish to take the opportunity of this meeting to announce their endorsement of the Paris Commitments are invited to contact the French mission to the United Nations in advance of the meeting to ensure that their endorsement is reflected in the list of new supporters: Mr. Max-Olivier Gonnet (max-olivier.gonnet@diplomatie.gouv.fr; Tel: 212.702.4976) or Ms. Marjolaine Bree (marjolaine.bree@diplomatie.gouv.fr; Tel: 646.839.6446).

Priority for making statements will be granted to countries who are announcing their endorsement of the Paris Commitments. If there is additional time, other delegations may make a statement as well. For the sake of allowing as many delegations as possible to speak, all statements should be limited to 5 minutes.

For your information, a template attached in annex is also available for the countries who would like to formalize their endorsement in a written form. If filled out, it should be faxed to both UNICEF Attn Ms. Pernille Ironside (212.735.4413) and the French Mission to the United Nations Attn Mr. Max-Olivier Gonnet (212.421.6889).