

The Permanent Missions of Albania, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Germany, Montenegro, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and Thailand together with the International Coalition for the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure cordially invite you to

A Panel Discussion to Celebrate the Entry into Force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure

MONDAY 14 APRIL 2014

Time: 13:15-14:30

**Venue: Conference Room 5, North Lawn Building
UN Headquarters, New York**

The Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (OP3CRC), which was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 19 December 2011, will enter into force on 14 April 2014. From this day, this new mechanism will become a tangible reality for children, who will be able to seek justice internationally when national remedies would have been exhausted. This is a time to celebrate the entry into force of this important treaty, but also to encourage broader ratification and national implementation measures in order to protect the rights of all children, everywhere.

Moderator

H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Albania

Panelists include:

- H.E. Mr. Leonardo Garnier Rímolo, Minister of Public Education of Costa Rica
- H.E. Mr. Milorad Šćepanović, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Montenegro
- H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights
- Ms. Elda Moreno, Special Assistant, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children
- Ms. Sara Austin, World Vision, the International Coalition on the OPCRC on a Communications Procedure
- VDO message from the Committee on the Rights of the Child

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