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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR. JONATHAN FAULL
DIRECTOR GENERAL DG JAI**

Mr. Jonathan,

Subject: JAI-Acquis – status of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was placed on the JAI-Acquis list in 1998, as part of the Human Rights related instruments to which candidate countries must accede. This Convention, like other UN Conventions, was considered “inseparable from the attainment of the objectives of the Union”.

We have noted that the October 2003 and September 2004 JAI-Acquis-Updates no longer list the UNCRC among the conventions to which the candidate countries must accede. Since the UNCRC is one of the main human rights conventions, we would request to restore it on the JAI Acquis-list.

The importance of this has been stressed by Commissioner Kelle in his parliamentary hearing

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cc. Mr. Michel PETITE (Legal Service)