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United Nations Office of the High Commissioner
for Human Rights
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Refer: The Email letter of Director Marcia V.J. Kran concerning information for study on the protection of the rights of the child in context of migration (26.2.2010)

Dear Ms. Oberoi

I have received the email letter referred above. The subject of the study carried by the OHCHR is of major importance. It concerns the implementation of the rights of a vulnerable group of children.

The former Finnish Deputy Ombudsman Mrs. Riitta-Leena Paunio drew attention to the implementation of the rights of unaccompanied minors in Finland in her decision from 2000. However, since major decisions have not been made by the Finnish Parliamentary Ombudsman or Deputy Ombudsmen on these subjects recently, there is, for the time being, no relevant information from the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsman in Finland to be delivered for the study of OHCHR.

As far as I can see, OHCHR will receive information concerning protection of the rights of the child in context of migration from other authorities in Finland.

It is my intention to consider in near future whether there is reason to start again investigations concerning, especially, the situation of unaccompanied minors, already paid attention by Mrs. Riitta-Leena Paunio. I will therefore follow with interest the results of the study of the OHCHR on the websites of the Office mentioned in your email.

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