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Dear members of the GC 7-indicator group,

On behalf of the Committee on the Rights of the Child I would like to thank you once more for the meeting of 19 May, 2008 in Geneva. The Committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss the remarkable progress made with regard to the elaboration of indicators, which focus on the implementation of the human rights of young children. As you will remember, the Committee highly commended the work achieved by the GC 7-indicator group since its constitution after our first meeting in autumn 2006.

The Committee welcomes the plans to finalize this project so that a set of broadly applicable indicators regarding the implementation of rights of young children becomes available. The next steps have to be pilot studies in order to test and revise the list of indicators if necessary.

We are pleased to learn that UNICEF will support the pilot studies. The outcome will be an essential component of the Committee's efforts to consolidate and strengthen the data base for child rights implementation.

I very much hope that the Committee will be informed about the next steps conducted by the group in the foreseeable future.

With my best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yanghee Lee".

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