

**Developing a protective framework for children: the role of Parliaments**  
*Regional parliamentary seminar hosted by the National Assembly of Viet Nam and organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)*

**Hanoi, Vietnam, 15 to 17 February 2005**

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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

**14 February 2006**

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Arrival of delegates  
Transfer to and Check-in at Melia Hanoi Hotel

**15 February 2006**

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8.30 - 9.15

**Opening ceremony**

H.E. Mr. Nguyen Van An, President of the National Assembly  
Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union  
Mr. Jesper Morch, UNICEF Resident Representative

9.15 - 11.00

**General introduction:**

Ms Sawon Hong, Regional Adviser, Child Protection, UNICEF East Asia and the Pacific Region, Bangkok.

- What is child protection?
- International standards on child protection
- What is a protective environment for children?

*Debate*

11.00 - 11.15

*Break*

11.15 - 12.30

**Parliament's roles in ensuring child protection - an introduction**

Mr. Marcos Rolim, former MP, Brazil and Mr. Daniel Seymour, UNICEF Child Protection Officer, UNICEF

- Legislative function
- Oversight function
- Advocacy

*Debate*

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch hosted the President of Viet Nam National IPU Group

14.30 - 16.00

**Legislating for child protection**

a) Implementing international instruments

Ms. Truong Thi Mai, MP, Vice-chairman of the Committee on Culture, Education, Youth and Children affairs, Viet Nam

Ms Marta Santos Pais, former member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Director of Innocenti Centre

- b) Reviewing existing legislation; developing a child protection bill  
Dr. Susan Bissell, Senior Child Protection Officer, UNICEF  
*Debate*

16.00 - 16.15 *Break*

16.15 - 17.30 **Legislating for child protection (continued)**

- c) Allocating resources for child protection  
Ms Ann Skelton, South Africa, University of Pretoria (South Africa)

18.30 - 20.00 Dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Van An, President of the National Assembly

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8.30 -10.30: **Parliamentary mechanisms and needs**

- a) The role of parliamentary committees on children  
Ms Margaret Atkin, Senior Research Officer of the House of Representatives'  
Standing Committee on Family and Human Resources  
Mr. Marcos Rolim, former MP, Brazil
- b) Ombudsfunction & National Commissions  
Ms Marta Santos Pais, former member of the CRC and Director, Innocenti Center  
Dr. Raj Karim, Commissioner for Human Rights Commission of Malaysia

*Debate*

10.30 - 10.45 *Break*

*Tackling a specific child protection issue – THEMATIC PANELS*

10.45 - 1.00 **Trafficking of children: What can parliaments do?**

- Attorney Rowena Guanzon, Philippines
- Mr. Luong Phan Cu, MP, Vice Chairman of the Social Affairs Committee, VietNam
- Mr. Lance Bonneau, Senior Programme Development Officer of IOM

*Debate*

1.00 -14.30 Lunch hosted by the Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Education, Youth and Children.

14.30 - 17.30 **Violence against children: What can parliaments do?**

- Dr. Raj Karim, Commissioner for Human Rights Commission of Malaysia  
Mr. Suryama Majana Sastra, MP, Indonesia  
Mr. Gopalan Balagopal, Senior Adviser, Child Protection Programme Division, UNICEF

*Debate*

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- 10.00 - 11.00      Wrap-up session:  
Parliaments' role in building a protective environment for children  
Capacity building needs  
Challenges and recommendations
- Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General, IPU
- 11.00 - 12.00      Conclusions and recommendations  
Closing ceremony
- 12.00 - 13.30      **Lunch hosted by the Viet Nam National Assembly delegation**
- 13.30 - 14.30      Meeting with Mr. Le Thi Thu, Minister, Chairman of Committee on Population,  
Family and Children
- 14.30 - 16.00      Visit to Hoa Binh children village

**18 February 2006**

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- Morning            Leave hotel for Quang Ninh province  
Ha Long Bay tour
- 12.30 - 14.00      **Lunch hosted by local authorities**
- Afternoon          Depart Quang Ninh for Hanoi

**19 February 2006**

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Departure of delegates

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