

# Crimes contre l'Enfant

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**Statement by His Excellency Mr. Juan Miguel PETIT  
Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and  
child pornography of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights**

Dear friends of AMADE:

I regret not being able to deliver in person this message of encouragement to this prestigious assembly. Nevertheless I would like to avail of this opportunity to wish you a fruitful and enriching exchange of ideas.

Now as never before the sight of children grappling with severe problems all over the world –served daily to us by the media in the secure comfort of our homes, forces us to think, fight and push for new policies and innovative strategies to guarantee the rights of children to a decent future. On the one hand we must thank children because they give meaning to our existence and act as a driving force in our struggle to build a better world in which they can grow up. On the other hand the wounded innocence of their quizzical eyes, is at once a constant challenge, a silent reminder and a deafening plea that more must be done before it is too late.

We live in times where many international mechanisms are in difficulty. In a time where respect for international tools developed to protect the rights of children suffer are in peril.

But these are also historical times in which our imagination can help find new ways of assuring that the smallest and weakest among us can flourish and develop using all the talents God, nature or destiny, has given them.

I hope this round table organised by AMADE will bring us closer to our objective of attaining these ambitious but vitally important goals.

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