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To my mother, Princess Grace of Monaco, who founded AMADE in 1963, children were a priority just as was the need for swift action aimed at helping the most vulnerable among them. In my capacity as President of AMADE since 1993, I am pleased to see that these principles have been given a new impetus by all who are truly concerned with the welfare of the world's children. Over its many years of existence, AMADE has shown proof of its ability to meet new challenges posed by the terrible condition of a growing number of children confronted with poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition, war, violence, disease, drugs or crime. In seeking long-term impact, the humanitarian programmes operated by AMADE have also become part of a global effort towards sustainable development and self-sufficiency in developing countries, with education and vocational training being key elements in most of the projects implemented by the national offices of our organisation all over the world. Our objective is to continue to initiate and support such projects, together with the crucial need to foster research in the field of ethics and legal issues pertinent to the rights of the child, particularly in the light of the many forms of mass violations of children's rights, from child trafficking to the use of children in armed conflicts and all occurrences of commercial sexual exploitation of children. AMADE remains strongly committed to promoting the inalienable rights of the child as we believe there can be no other path to building an harmonious and prosperous society. Today more than ever your contribution is crucial in order to help us continue our fight.

Presentation

More about AMADE...

A non-profit child-advocacy NGO founded in 1963 by HSH Princess Grace of Monaco, the World Association of Children's Friends (AMADE) seeks the protection and realisation of children's rights on an international level. Chaired by H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, AMADE develops humanitarian aid programs through a network of local organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. In developing countries, our programmes are mostly concerned with poverty and malnutrition, with a strong emphasis on providing children with healthcare and opportunities for basic education. As early as 1963, AMADE was also set up for the purpose of fostering ethical and legal research pertinent to the Rights of the Child. Areas of particular concern include issues in relation to bioethics, the commercial sexual exploitation of children on the internet and the legal protection of children's rights.

Mission statement

AMADE advocates for the protection of children's rights, without any distinction as to gender, race, religion, language or culture. We believe the fundamental rights of the child as defined in the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child should be considered paramount in all areas of contemporary society as they contribute to human progress.

Activities

AMADE initiates, supports or conducts a wide range of humanitarian, educational and social programmes to meet the essential needs of millions of the world's children threatened by poverty, exploitation, war or violence, in order to ensure their well-being and harmonious growth

within their community. The national programmes operated by AMADE around the world address a wide range of issues such as health, education, nutrition, foster homes for street children, public information or the building of facilities to accommodate the most vulnerable children.

Organization

Since 1993, the Association is chaired by H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, with H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert of Monaco as Honorary President. The Board of Directors has 20 members, all volunteers. In June 2003, Francis Kasasa was appointed Secretary-General of AMADE to replace Jacques Danois. Located in Monaco, AMADE operates with a small number of dedicated permanent staff and a large number of volunteers in the various local offices around the world.

Partnerships and international cooperation

Since the early stages, AMADE has given priority to implementing co-operative work and developing partnerships with well-entrenched and experienced local organizations in order to best meet the specific needs of the children within their own local community. AMADE is an internationally recognised nongovernmental organization which was given consultative status with UNICEF, UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the United Nations Economic and Social Council in the mid 1980's. In December 2003, UNESCO Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura appointed Her Royal Highness the Princess of Hanover, President of AMADE, as Goodwill Ambassador for the education of young girls and women.

The AMADE network

Today there are 23 AMADE branches located throughout the world in Argentina, Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Chili, Congo, Cyprus, France, Greece, Guinea, Italy,

Lithuania, Madagascar, Monaco, Niger, Philippines, Poland, Senegal, Spain, Togo and even in Cambodia since 2004...

Welcome note by the secretary general of AMADE

“...2004 has been a year of real challenges for AMADE. After the launch of our new website in January, we then focused our attention on our social awareness campaign, the main objective being to make our work known to a broader public. Officials of AMADE went to the places where they were most needed, and they were touched by the smiles of the Senegalese children, the dexterity of the would-be tailors in Lomé, and the hunger to learn that the underprivileged children in the townships of Cape Town expressed. In 2004, we noted, even more so than in the past, that little finance and small infrastructures are an important key to long-term and fruitful development. We keep on raising the issue of a “crime against a child is a crime against humanity”. For this reason, AMADE made its voice heard on several occasions at International Forums. H.S.H. Prince Albert, Honorary President of AMADE, spoke out at the United Nations Tribune, highlighting the work which AMADE undertakes with regards to the worst crimes being committed against innocent children. Also with the diplomatic Missions of Monaco who rallied together on this noble and difficult crusade. In a spontaneous action of generous synergy, various well known artists recorded a single that carries a strong message of love which we must give to the Children throughout the world, with no distinction of race, gender or religion. The year ended with H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover going to the Philippines. The President of AMADE undertook this trip to see for herself the extent of the work being carried out by AMADE-Philippines. She also helped and supported the victims of toxic contamination and their families in Subic Bay and Clark Field. AMADE not only hopes to improve the lives of children who are struggling today, but is also eager to offer their children a better world and better lives for tomorrow. Together we will fight against poverty, and Together we will create a healthier

environment and thus offer the children of this Earth the water, food, and education which are crucial for them to grow. Thanks to education and abiding universal values, these children will overcome difficulties and eventually be self reliant. I wish to thank all the donors and sponsors for their generous contribution. Thank you for giving us your support and confidence throughout the year. I would also like to thank the “driving forces” of the national AMADE branches located throughout the four continents who every day, strive for the well-being of The Little Ones. I am sure that this Annual Report will give you a better understanding of the Mission and Projects which AMADE continues to undertake and develop.”

Projects, International Programmes and Events in 2004

During 2004 AMADE developed and implemented a number of projects. The Association also participated in various events.

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UNICEF Campaign

As the representative of UNICEF in Monaco, AMADE undertakes to sell UNICEF Christmas cards every year through the infrastructures of companies, banks, firms and residents in the Principality. Seventy five percent of the profit goes to UNICEF so that their many projects for children throughout the world may continue to be developed. This simple gesture alone, allows hundreds of thousands of children to be saved.

Launch for the new website

On the 16th of January 2004, AMADE launched its new website. The presentation of this new tool took place in the Zephyr Room at the Sea Club-Méridien Beach Plaza, in the presence of H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert, Honorary President of AMADE. The creation of this website provides an opportunity to pay tribute to the outstanding work which is being carried out by all of its devoted volunteers and members, and also provides more ample information about its international activities, programmes and projects. In this manner, the Association also hopes to reach out to more people for the childhood protection programmes. Now equipped with more exposure, AMADE has the possibility to educate all of those people who have so generously chosen to give their support to the projects that are being developed, so that some relief may be given to the suffering of children throughout the world.

The “Pièces Soleil” Campaign

The “Pièces Soleil” campaign was started on the 30th of April 2004 in partnership with the restaurant Stars ‘n’ Bars and with the radio station NRJ. This event was held in the presence of H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, President of AMADE Mondiale, Mr Francis Kasasa, Secretary General, all the members of the Board of Directors as well as in the presence of the Presidents of all the National AMADE branches. An urn was placed at the entrance of the restaurant and the collection of “sun coins” lasted from the 1st of May to the 31st of October 2004 and raised the amount of 1500 Euros, which is being allocated to aid projects for the victims of the tsunami in South East Asia.

5th Anniversary of AMADE-Philippines

Dear Friends, This year we will celebrate the 5th anniversary of AMADE in the Philippines. Thanks to the generosity of our Monaco donators and the commitment of our volunteer staff in the field AMADE has developed a number of humanitarian programmes directed at children: residential care for juvenile mothers and their infants in Manila, legal assistance to imprisoned minors, as well as an international public campaign for the cleanup of hazardous toxic wastes in the Clark Field and Subic Bay areas. In 2004, we have started a new project for medical assistance to the children who are the victims of this toxic contamination. These programmes make a substantial contribution to alleviating the suffering of dozens of vulnerable children. With your support, I believe we can build a better future for children in need in the Philippines and elsewhere in the world. In anticipation, very many thanks...

Areas of intervention

Mother and child

In Manila, AMADE continues to operate the “Mother and Child” residential programme for juvenile mothers aged 13-25 years and their babies. These young single mothers have often been sexually abused and, many of them, have had to turn to prostitution in the hell of Manila’s streets. AMADES objectives are the following, to give these young mothers basic education, to help them acquire the necessary skills to become self-reliant and economically productive, to help them gain childcare skills, to provide them with regular medical care and psychological support and to provide some form of home life, group socialization as well as educational activities.

The children’s legal rights office

Located in Manila, Quezon City and in Marikina City, the Children’s Legal Rights Office advocates the rights of child prisoners. Every year there are on average about 80 minors who run into problems with the law, mainly young boys aged between 10 and 15 years of age, who find help and support through the programme set-up by AMADEPhilippines. This is how in 5 years, it was possible to provide legal aid to 372 youngsters and for some of them this lasted over a period of several years. The programme provides visits to the families of the minors who are in prison, legal representation in court, support schemes, training for when these youngsters are released from prison, as well as foster homes for those of them who have no family.

AMADE UNESCO Prize

During the 44th International MONTE-CARLO Television Festival in 1973, AMADE launched its annual prize to be awarded under the patronage of UNESCO at the International Monte-Carlo Television Festival. The aim of this Prize is to reward a programme of excellence which echoes the ideals of UNESCO and AMADE and which deals with the issues of human relationships which do not involve violence nor any form of it. So, in 2004, the prize was thus awarded to the documentary “The Orphans of Nkandla” by Brian Woods, for the special focus it brought on the issue of HIV-AIDS in Africa, and the terrible living conditions of the 750000 children orphaned by AIDS in South Africa alone. “The Orphans of Nkandla”, produced by True Vision and broadcast on BBC 4, views the plight of children living in rural areas of the KwaZulu-Natal province situated in the South- East region of the country. This year, the AMADE jury welcomed representatives from the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Cape Town Sithengi Film Festival. So, the jury was composed of Mrs Maeline Engelbrecht, President of the jury, Board Executive of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Mr. Michael Auret, Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Town Film Festival Sithengi, Mr. Jacques Danois, Vice-President of AMADE and Mr. Francis Kasasa, Secretary-General of AMADE.

SUBIC BAY AND CLARK FIELD In 2002, AMADE joined the campaign created by AMADE-Philippines and the Alliance for Bases Clean-Up International (ABC), for the cleanup of hazardous toxic wastes left in the surroundings of the former US naval bases of Clark Field and Subic bay. Alarming research reports have confirmed the presence of hazardous chemicals in the soil, water and air, which have already contaminated hundreds of children. Moved by this terrible situation, H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, President of AMADE, took the initiative to write to President George W Bush asking that the United States give their cooperation in the cleaning up of these toxic wastes. Since 2004, AMADE together with ABC strives to assist the children and families within the local community, by providing the victims of this “sanitary” disaster with financial, medical

and legal support. H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, who is especially concerned by the many problems which exist in the Philippines, carried out Her first humanitarian field trip to this country in October 2004.

H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover's trip to the Philippines

On Her first trip as President of the World Association of Children's Friends, H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover visited the Philippines from the 25th to the 27th of October 2004. The Princess took this opportunity to reinforce the Association's relationship with AMADE Philippines, which was celebrating its 5th birthday, and thus met many of its volunteers, in particular the Virlanie Foundation and the ABC, Alliance for Base Clean-Up. The Princess visited the AMADE foster home for juvenile single mothers and their babies in Manila, assessed the programme for legal assistance to children in prison and met the children and families who are the victims of toxic contamination in the areas of the former US naval bases in Subic Bay and Clark Field. Since 2004, AMADE has given financial support to ABC's aid programme for the rehabilitation of children who have fallen victim to contamination from the toxic wastes remaining after the American military left their bases in Subic Bay and Clark Field.

Accompanied by Mr. Francis Kasasa, Secretary General of AMADE, Maître Eric Mallonga, President of AMADE Philippines as well as Mr Dominique Lemay, President of the Virlanie Foundation and a member of AMADE Philippines, H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover undertook a "long trip into the depths of hell" during the course of which She was confronted with the serious problems and the dysfunctional nature of this very poor country. The Princess visited the "child prisons" where so many youngsters, both boys and girls, who are mostly arrested for minor offences, are crammed together in terrible conditions. Deeply moved by this sad situation, the Princess listened tirelessly to their stories and found out from some of them that they had

been sold by their parents to the mafia networks or that they had run away from the squalor of their townships, choosing rather to live their lives on the streets. An overwhelming testimony to accept when one knows that 9 is the legal age at which a child can be imprisoned in the Philippines !

It is here, in these terribly overcrowded cells, that the Princess met Marie, a young girl who was imprisoned and separated from her baby. Marie's wish was to be able to hold her baby in her arms on Christmas day. Deeply touched by her wish and by her own motherhood, the Princess immediately contacted the Mayor of Manila so that he might consider her request. Whilst Marie's plea was being resolved, the Princess met with Mrs Gloria Macapagal, President of the Philippines, to discuss her concerns with regards to the situation of the children in prison and of those affected by toxic waste contamination. Following this meeting the competent authorities promised to make a real effort to make the necessary improvements. Later in the afternoon, the Princess was able to assess the progress that had been made since the setting up of and the installation of the "Mother and Child" homes in Manila. During Her visit to the centre for the "Children of the Children", the Princess was welcomed by the young girls with singing and dancing and this was followed by a lunch which the Princess shared with them.

The Princess then had the opportunity to judge the quality of the legal aid programme for the incarcerated children, which aims at helping the children leave the hell of their prison environment and help them to rebuild their lives when they are released. A dinner was organized in Manila to mark the end of this first day, which had been filled with so much emotion. This dinner raised an amount of 125.000 Euros, an amount which is to be shared between AMADE Philippines and AMADE Mondiale, for the implementation of programmes that assist so many underprivileged children. The following day, in accordance with the task that AMADE had set itself, the Princess went to the old American military bases of Subic Bay and Clark Field, where She met children with leukemia, hydrocephalic or severe neurological disorders. On the same

occasion the Princess met the parents of the children, contaminated in their innocence by this invisible enemy that these toxic wastes have created. The urgency of this situation, encouraged the Princess to organize that a medical team would be sent to evaluate the diverse pathological conditions that these children are afflicted with, and to bring them all the necessary medication. During the course of the last day, the Princess visited the Singkama Township and was confronted with the harsh reality of poverty, where about 1500 people live crammed together in fragile corrugated iron homes. To mark the end of the Princess' humanitarian visit, a symposium was held, "Crimes against Children, Crimes against Humanity" was held, during which H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover made a speech about the importance of recognizing the rights of children.

The AMADE Gala Dinner

The AMADE Gala dinner took place on the 29th of April 2004, in the Meridien Beach Plaza Hôtel. On the occasion of this fabulous night, which brought so many important people together, including H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover and her son, Mr. Andrea Casiraghi, a big prize draw was organised in order to obtain more funds for AMADE. The first prize was a wonderful trip to Malaysia. The happy winner, Mrs. Michèle Castellini, made a visit to Cambodia after this trip, in order to see the different programmes run by AMADE in this country. During this prestigious gala the prize draw raised 4.620 Euros which will be used to build a nursery school in Cambodia.

HSH Prince Albert's trip to New-York

Mr President, ...The protection of the rights of the child is of the utmost importance for us. To achieve “a world fit for children” in conformity with the commitments adopted during the Special Session in May 2002, the World Association of Children’s Friends, World AMADE, chaired by My Sister, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Hanover, held in April 2003, a Round Table dedicated to that topic. It is clear with each and every day that we need to strengthen and ensure a more efficient application of international law to protect the Rights of the Child. Consequently, aren’t we bound to answer to those abominable crimes in an exceptionally strong manner? Shouldn’t we prosecute without any statute of limitation of time and place the most serious violations of these rights. The Principality of Monaco invites you to consider the adoption of a legal instrument that will eventually put an end to the impunity that prevails regarding the recruitment of child soldiers, the sexual exploitation of children and the despicable trade, to mention the most shocking of those crimes. The open debate of the Security Council that took place last June only confirmed that this consideration comes at an opportune time. Let’s reinforce prevention by putting no limitation on the crimes to be prosecuted and therefore honour the memory of victims. Let’s we extraterritoriality to fight transnational organized crime that defies the States legal order. I am all too aware of the numerous and difficult legal implications that arise from this fundamentally ethical proposal for the defence of the rights of the child in today’s international law. However, aren’t we obliged to take action when international law does not respond anymore to the challenges of our time at a moment where the international community is evidently standing together when it comes to banish these revolting practices. Mr President, Let’s be courageous and ambitious in the fight for the noblest cause that is the defence of innocence. Let’s act to answer Albert Einstein’s plea: “as long as there will be unhappy children, the word progress is meaningless”. I thank you for your attention...

H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert chaired the delegation of Monaco who took part in the New York 59th General Assembly of United Nations, on 23 September 2004. Escorted by M. Francis Kasasa, General Secretary of AMADE, He took the opportunity to put forward His position regarding abused childhood, in front of the representatives of 191 countries member of the Organisation. Thus, the Prince reminded them of the work of AMADE and its stand towards crimes against innocence. That's why the President of the delegation of Monaco asked the International Community to gather momentum on this legal issue which will allow a more efficient respect of the children's rights. This principle will cancel the period of statutory limitation for the most outrageous crimes committed against children, and will enable universal respect of this same concept under international criminal law.

A Dinner Debate at AIM

On Thursday, March the 11th 2004, the Association "Action Innocence Monaco", chaired by Mrs Louise Levy-Soussan Azzoaglio, organised a dinner debate on the subject "Paedophilia on the Internet", a subject which is unfortunately of current significance. The Vice-President of AMADE, Mr. Jacques Danois, took an active part in this debate. It was essential that our Association participate in this debate since AMADE has for many years now been concerned and involved with this terrible issue. This is how in 1996, following the First World Congress held in Stockholm against the commercial sex exploitation of children, this is how AMADE drew up the project of creating a resolution to fight against child pornography. This resolution was unanimously adopted on the 29th of January 1997 during the course of the NGO meeting concerning human rights of European Council. In addition, in December 1999, our President, H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover decided to send the Secretary General to the UNESCO Palace to declare just how concerned and aware AMADE was of this problem and expressed its readiness to fight actively against pedophilia. Shortly after this, AMADE joined forces with the

International Association called “Innocence in danger”. During the debate, our Vice-President, Mr Jacques Danois, took the opportunity to present in more detail the project called “Crimes against the Child, Crimes against Humanity” in more detail which was greatly applauded by all of those people present at this dinner.

The Summit of French-speaking Nations in Ouagadougou

In November 2004, a delegation from Monaco, led by H.E.M. Patrick Leclercq, went to Burkina Faso for the 10th Summit of French-speaking nations in Ouagadougou. During this summit, whose theme was “Francophonie espace solidaire pour un développement durable”, AMADE, represented by its Secretary General, Mr Francis Kasasa, gave assistance to the project, which is run by H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover in the framework of UNESCO. Appointed UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador since 2003, the project of H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover helps women to reinforce their capacities and to promote children’s education in rural area, such as in Ladiga, Ziro area.

Night of the Child

On the 30th of November 2004, AMADE France organised the “Night of the Child” at the Paradis Latin. The Vice-President of AMADE, Mr. Jacques Danois attended this evening amongst many other known people in the world of media, music, television, cinema and politics. During the course of this event, the Doctor Edwidge Antier, President of AMADE France presented several projects. One of these projects concerns the opening of a centre for development disorders in the Necker Hospital, which will allow the early diagnosis of disorders in children. A research centre, which will focus on psychological and motor deficiencies will be opened at the same place.

NRJ Music Tour

The NRJ Music Tour Live Concert was held on the 7th of May 2004, at the Zénith in Paris, which drew a crowd of 7000 people. Artists such as Lenny Kravitz, the Corrs, the Rasmus, Pascal Obispo performed that night. On this occasion, H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, accompanied by Mr. Kasasa, Secretary General of AMADE, and by Mr. Salim Zeghdar, met with representatives of the NRJ Radio station. It is after this meeting that the first foundations of the CD project were laid down, to raise funds for AMADE.

Concert at the Stars 'n' Bars

On the 4th July 2004, a concert was held for the benefit of AMADE which was organized by Stars 'n' Bars and sponsored by NRJ. Many well known artists and personalities participated and performed benevolently to raise money in favour of the children. The singers Nadiya, Benassi Bros, Erwann, Dax Riders, Baby G, Mone Live and DJ Sebass amongst others, performed at the concert which both H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert and Mr. Andrea Casiraghi attended. On the same occasion the painter Jordi Casals created two works of art "Talismanic". These paintings were given to AMADE Mondiale during a cocktail organised by the painter at his gallery in the Jardin Exotique and which both the Secretary General of AMADE, Mr. Francis Kasasa and its Vice-President, Mr. Jacques Danois, attended.

Production of the CD “Chanter qu’on les aime”

18 well-known artists offered their voices and their hearts to sing “chanter qu’on les aime” written by the singer Corneille. This is how it came to be that Florent Pagny, Natacha St Pier, Corneille, Nolwenn Leroy, Yannick Noah, Jenifer, Chimène Badi, Diane Tell, Calogero, Benabar, Tété, Anthony Kavanagh, Nâdiya, Tragédie, Willy Denzey, Matt, Lokua Kanza, Matthieu and Singuila accepted to sing this song together to raise money and awareness for AMADE and to join hands and give their support to the underprivileged children throughout the world.

The singer Corneille, both talented and generous, in his profession and in his heart, insisted on dedicating his song for this purpose. The money from the sale of the single was presented to AMADE on the 22nd of January 2005 during the NRJ Music Awards. This important donation will allow the financing of new educational programmes in Rwanda, Corneille’s home country, and will provide support to the many humanitarian projects which are currently running and for those that are being developed. A portion of these funds will be used mainly for the tsunami victims mainly but also for the AMADE projects in the Philippines, such as the “Mother and Child” programme in Manila, the legal aid programme for child prisoners and medical assistance to the children who are the victims of contamination by the toxic wastes of Subic Bay and Clark Field.

Laura Pausini Concert

On the 8th November 2004, the Italian singer Laura Pausini held a concert at the Grimaldi Forum for 800 enthusiastic, and in the presence of H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert and Mr Jean-Pierre Campana, President of AMADE Monaco, during which she sang various of her most successful songs. This concert was held to raise money for AMADE and ended with the sale of the AMADE CD, the funds of which all go to the Association.

4th Comedy Film Festival

From the 9th to 14th November 2004, the 4th edition of the “Comedy Festival” took place at the Grimaldi Forum in Monaco under the patronage of H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert. This unique festival, dedicated to comedy only, was conceived and organized by Messieurs Ezio Greggio and Mario Monicelli. Prestigious guests attended the Festival and enjoyed the many varied faces that Comedy can wear. The Festival was held over 4 evenings, and was dedicated to various charities, one of which was AMADE.

Event “FAMOUS”

On September 2004, the “Festival Asie / Africa de Monaco pour les oeuvres universelles” FAMOUS: The African and Asian Festival aimed at creating universal solidarity projects, took place during 2 days in the Principality. This unique event brought together famous speakers, focused observers and prestigious artists. The spirit of this forum is the achievement of citizen initiatives. Different projects were put forward such as water “petrolization” dangers and also the fight against “depranocytose” disease. Last but not least, a volley tournament was organized by Mrs Sylvia Sermenghi and Mrs. Suzie François for AMADE. H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert took part in this tournament with other famous people of the world of sport, music and fashion.

AMADE projects throughout the world

In 2004 In July 2004, Mr. Jean-Marie Piret, an Administrator of AMADE Mondiale but also President of AMADE Belgium, visited to Burundi to assess the various projects which were being implemented in this country. It is during his trip that Mr Piret visited a home for AIDS orphans in Bujumbura. About sixty children, all AIDS orphans are taken care of by foster families who are often usually refugees. The opportunity they have to harvest some land and the importance of having a henhouse with 1200 hens, allows the group to make the most of a maximum of resources to counter any additional medical or educational expenses. On the 26th of July, the President of AMADE Belgium attended the inauguration of the Health Care Centre in Bururi, which was built thanks to financial aid donated by the Stavros Niarchos foundation for an amount of 45.000 Euros. The centre is based on a 3.000 m² plot provided by the Burundi Government, and comprises a large building with a reception area, a waiting room, a consulting room, a laboratory, an administration and secretary's office, a kitchen, an area reserved for nutritional training, a medical storeroom, an installation to incinerate waste products, restrooms... The centre functions thanks not only to the equipment provided by the Belgian Technical Operations, (Coopération technique belge), but also to the medical and volunteer technicians who have been trained to work in collaboration with the centre's activities on the prevention of AIDS and of other diseases, their detection and treatment, nutritional training... In a country which is ravaged by civil war, AMADE Burundi and its partners work day after day to help its children who find themselves abandoned by life itself.

Schools opened to the wind

In 2004 and in the framework of its programme “Schools opened to the Wind”, AMADE Mondiale continued to contribute financially to the setting up of these schools in various countries and continued also to provide support to existing schools. In the Congo a payment of 6.000 Euros was made to set up a school in Kinshasa called “Give everyone a chance”. In Senegal, the village of N’gor welcomed a “school opened to the wind” in May 2004. This school was officially opened on the 5th June and caters for 20 street kids or beggars between the ages of 7 and 11 years. These children all suffered from various medical problems such as skin disorders, impetigo, scabies ...as well as more serious problems such as malnutrition and a vitamin deficiency. To help them more efficiently in their education and in their physical well-being, this programme not only ensured that they had classrooms but also a kitchen and bathroom, clothing and school stationary, 2 hours of reading classes per day, food as well as a canteen, and medical assistance in partnership with the local health care centre. In the same way, both the Blao and Saigon schools in Vietnam received 2.600 Euros, to provide poor children the opportunity to go to school, and a further 2300 Euros were assigned to the “Children of Affection” project in Huyen si. In Lithuania, AMADE assigned an amount of 5.000 Euros to the “Children of Saint John” to give them the opportunity to undertake the restoration work necessary on the rooms of their various shelters for street kids, in Trakai. In Russia, the Chersky school of Nutendly, benefited from the assignment of 3380 Euros which will be used to increase the size of the school. A second class will be built and the dormitory will be refurbished to allow more children to attend, Ecole du Grand Nord de Nutendly.

In the framework of its support programme in Cambodia, a sum of 4.620 Euros which was raised through the AMADE Tombola in April, was presented to AMADE Cambodia to build a crèche. In Uganda, several schools were given financial support thanks to an amount of 10.000

Euros which was received in May. The Lugeye Primary School was able to invest in school equipment such as books, food for the scholars, and furniture for the classrooms. The following month, Saint Paul High School received an amount of 7.000 Euros and was able to purchase computers and school equipment for 66 students. Finally in August, 8.000 Euros were assigned to a rural development project in Namayina. The purchase of equipment for this Professional Training Centre will provide the opportunity to assist 129 scholars who are in need. In South Africa, the “Rainbow” Crèche in Masiphumelele was built thanks to the payment of 2.500 Euros, which were used to set up this project based on education, health and nutrition. In Burkina Faso, underprivileged children were given access to education through the creation of a school in Ouagadougou and in May 2004, three classes were opened which gave 45 happy children the opportunity to finally “start a new life”. The Bikoro Centre in the Congo received the financial support of 1.000 Euros for its nutritional aid programme. In the framework of our long-term programme “ Born a second time” we continue to give our financial support to Surgeon Training Programmes. In October, 1.000 Euros were assigned to a Mission in Vientiane, Laos.

Aid program for the children of Subic Bay and Clark Field

For a very long time now, AMADE has given its support to the children affected by the “invisible and powerful enemy” in Subic Bay and Clark Field in the Philippines. In fact, together with its President, who is deeply moved by this catastrophe, AMADE has joined forces with the Alliance for Bases Clean Up (ABC) so as to respond more efficiently and bring effective help and medical attention to these children, who are the victims of contamination by toxic waste. AMADE donated 1.000 Euros for the urgent medical care that these children require, as well as a further 7.500 Euros which were assigned to a health and rehabilitation programme for these two areas.

In Appendix : “Crimes against Children, Crimes against Humanity an ongoing programme...

Over recent years, the World Association of Children’s Friends, AMADE, has been deeply concerned by the ever growing number of systematic and repeated mass violations of the fundamental rights of the child. We believe that crimes committed against children deeply offend the conscience of humanity, touch our societies at their very heart, and put their very existence into question. Conscious of the importance of the recognition of this problem by the International Community, AMADE started an humanitarian campaign to affirm the principle that there is no period of statutory limitation for the most serious crimes committed against children, and to secure the universal application of this principle in international criminal law.

This concern the following crimes without limitation :

- child murder - sexual abuse of children
- commercial sexual exploitation of children
- child trafficking and the sale of children
- trading in human organs taken from children

- the abuse of children as scientific guinea-pigs
- child forced labour and slavery
- the recruitment and enrolment of children in armed conflicts
- the use of children as military targets
- the use of children by drug traffickers
- child pornography which constitute a true “paedocide”

Background and aims

This programme is an extension of an initiative by AMADE-Philippines that was discussed and adopted upon signature by all national affiliates of the organisation at its Annual General meeting in March 2002 chaired by H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, President of AMADE.

The purpose of the project is to identify every possible legal avenue for a more effective sanction and better prevention of the most serious, widespread and organised violations of children’s rights. The instigation of the initial steps to this AMADE project was supported in the Declaration by H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert of Monaco at the 27th Extraordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Children, in New York in May 2002, in which He stressed the urgent need to reinforce existing legal measures at the international level “in order to ensure, beyond constraints of temporal or national boundaries, the prosecution and punishment of crimes against nature perpetrated against children”. In April 2003, AMADE held, under the patronage of UNESCO, an international Round Table on “Crimes against the child, Crimes against Humanity” in Monaco. Experts in international humanitarian and criminal law, specialising in the Rights of the Child, along with representatives of international bodies and non-governmental organisations attended the round table to debate matters concerning the protection of the fundamental rights of the child.

A third optional protocol

The recommendations by the panel of experts were gathered in the Monaco Declaration on Crimes against the Child, Crimes against Humanity, which was issued in November 2003. Drawing on the guidelines for action proposed by the panel of experts, the AMADE project will build upon already existing and widely recognised legal instruments and mechanisms pertinent to the rights of the child in order to ensure more effective protection of children at the national, regional and international levels. To this end, AMADE has drafted a project for a Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the prevention of Crimes against children, their imprescriptibility and universal punishment. It is anticipated that this Protocol will be put forward to the United Nations by the Government of the Principality of Monaco who have agreed to support the initiative and to look for a number of ally-countries to present the text for possible examination by the forthcoming Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2005.

Acknowledging the awareness of the current state of “treaty fatigue” within the international community and the lassitude on the part of international bodies with respect to the growing number of texts, an alternative avenue to pursue would be for AMADE to propose by way of a draft amendment, a modification of the existing Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, relating to the involvement of children in armed conflict, on the one hand, and the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography on the other hand. In line with the provisions of those Protocols, a submission could be made to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for an amendment which would seek the non-applicability of statutory limitations to the crimes listed in each of the two existing Protocols.

A model-law to national states

A further issue pertinent to the project is that of the adoption of a common standard of laws and practises concerning the rights of the child. There currently exists too diverse an applicability of laws pertaining to children throughout the world. In the light of this, AMADE has drawn up a model or draft law which will be offered to countries worldwide for implementation in their own domestic criminal law. In compliance with the provisions contained in the project for a Third Optional Protocol, this model law defines the list of crimes to be considered imprescriptible and of universal jurisdiction within national law. This draft law provides for the reinforcement of international judicial co-operation, both bilaterally and multilaterally.

International petition

Together with the legal approach, AMADE plans to issue a document in the form of an international petition to raise public awareness of the contemporary reality of mass violations of children's rights, and encourage State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to sign and ratify the project for a Third Optional Protocol, and to take all necessary actions in order to ensure that its provisions are implemented within their domestic legislation. Provisional Calendar for Project Implementation (2005-2008)

Andrea Casiraghi's trip to Africa

Mr. Andrea Casiraghi, son of H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, took part, in February and in March 2004, in a humanitarian programme in a volunteer scheme for AMADE. Along with M. Francis Kasasa, General Secretary of AMADE, Mr. Casiraghi had the opportunity to visit AMADE satellites in Senegal, in Togo and Niger. As he arrived in Senegal, he could find out how it was managed and how new programmes were implemented. Mr. Casiraghi, by suggesting new ways to tackle difficulties, will make this centre more efficient and also will enable it to set its priorities right. In Lomé, the Togo based AMADE is involved in vocational training for young tailors. On the one hand, Andrea Casiraghi contributed in teaching them the basics of reading and writing, as things stood he decided to employ a new teacher for this purpose. The whole programme handles a wide range of subjects aimed at raising social awareness such as healthcare issues, environmental principles, equal opportunities endeavours. On the other hand, he personally bought a blackboard, 3 footballs, 11 school books. He also donated money to create a football team in which both street-children of the area and students of the centre would play together. By that time, Mr. Casiraghi realized that Lomé was a gateway for child trafficking. As a consequence, he raised Mr. Saparapa's awareness to this problems, Mr. Saparapa is in charge with the AMADE in Togo. Andrea Casiraghi would like this centre to fight against this social scourge along with other organizations. And it could ideally be part of the national commission in charge with the child trafficking in an advisory capacity.

The last visit took place in Nigeria, Mr. Mainassara, President of this AMADE, guided Mr. Casiraghi throughout several programmes being carried out. Francis Kasasa and Andrea

Casiraghi went to Foulan Kaoura to talk to Locals and to analyze their real needs. It was obvious to both visitors that the top priority issue was to provide the centre with computers, access to the internet, more appropriate facilities for the area. They also decided to start a programme focused on providing school books and a teacher to educate them, and a first medical aid facilities. In conclusion, Andrea Casiraghi's visit to these several AMADEs highlighted their strenghts and weaknesses, and he put forward new means to achieve good results in these humanitarian programmes.

Speech from whilst on to the Philippines

Opening speech by HRH the Princess of Hanover President of AMADE
“CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY”
AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM
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QUEZON BALLROOM,
SHANGRI-LA HOTEL,
MANILA

“Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends, In these trouble times, where human life appears in many instances to be of no account, where the slaughter of peoples can be justified by loftily expressed political and religious creeds, there remains one constant, the universal recognition of all children as treasures to be loved, cared for, and nurtured. Perhaps it is because children embody our dreams and aspirations of a better world for all and our capacities to achieve them. Children inspire, for those reasons, mankind’s best intentions. It is easy to understand why, as Albert Einstein expressed it, world progress is meaningless so long as there are “unhappy children”. We are certainly revolted when children are tortured, ill-treated, sold, or compelled be soldiers in war. Atrocities, when done to children, are atrocities like no other. That is why the madness of the recent Russian carnage in Beslan, North Ossetia is an abomination : because this assault specifically targeted children. My dear friends, there is a line that cannot - it should not, be crossed. The line which encircles children.

It is not enough that we try feed them, or heal wounded bodies. Beyond humanitarian relief, the world of nations must stand as one in upholding the rights of our children and in attempting to devise and implement the means of punishing those who dare commit atrocities on children. Such crimes constitute an offense against the whole of humankind. Terrorism has increasingly been committed against children on different levels. That is a reality openly admitted and openly discussed. And yet there appears to be no corresponding resolutions to draft an international protocol or convention to bind countries in outlawing, and punishing, such terror. There been no protocol or convention dealing with appropriate penal sanctions on an international scale in regard to flagrant violations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, clearly recognizes that “...millions of children have been victims of unimaginable atrocities that deeply shock the conscience of humanity”.

However, even the Rome Statute fails to provide for the criminalization of offenses committed against children on an international scale, or those committed across international borders. Most national penal codes have failed to keep pace with the growth of criminality that devastates and victimizes our children. These crimes have now acquired a global complexion, aided by rapid technological advancements that are increasingly being committed on a universal scale. The internet facilitates commercial sexual exploitation, porno-graphy, or the trafficking of children through the easy identification of countries, sites, and children who may be exploited. The elements of the planning and commission of these ghastly crimes as well as the network of perpetrators that make them possible cross national and international borders. Territoriality, as a jurisdictional requirement for the prosecution of criminal offenses under most domestic legislation, has mainly become a barrier in adequately addressing the problem, not only in terms of defining the crimes committed against children, but in deterring and punishing them.

In the end, crimes against children are realities that the world community has to squarely address, and that international law has to combat, whenever and wherever these crimes are

committed. Certainly, there will be tremendous difficulties ahead in forging universal acceptance of the concept of crimes against children as crime against humanity; even more difficult is the structuring and implementation of a process for bringing violators to justice. There is, even now, an inability to convince the most powerful nations to concede even just on attempt to this. At the core of this reluctance is simple distrust. It is argued, for example, that there are peoples, groups, and nations who would seize upon any international covenant on an international court of justice as a means for political payback, an unacceptable eventuality. But we cannot allow the difficulties to faze us or to dampen our passion for arriving at acceptable and workable solutions.

There will be interminable discussions and compromises along the road. What should never be compromising is the seriousness of intent and persistence in putting an end to the shocking crimes that are committed, with impunity, against our children. What cannot be compromised is the effort to carve out a special type of crimes under international law that will specifically respond to the needs of our children, and a mechanism to appropriately deal with atrocities committed against them. There may be no universally-accepted solution, or at least there does not yet appear to be one in sight. Acceptance of any solution will, in itself, be a process of evolution. Acceptance will have to be won, little by little, small movements of progress that will, it is hoped, eventually spell significant changes in international law.

The continuing challenge is to try. What is at stake, after all, is the opportunity to make the world a better place for our children, and all others, to live in. Let us not ignore, or squander, the opportunity. This is AMADE's job. As long as there are children who suffer or are in danger, AMADE will be there, and fighting. Thank you... “

Projects in South-East Asia after the Tsunami catastrophe

After the turmoil in South-East Asia at the end of December, for AMADE, it was a top priority issue to provide these people all they needed in time; healthcare, building facilities and psychological support . That's why AMADE decided to rebuild the village of Ammankoilpet, which is situated in eastern India. This project aims at carrying out various programmes which focus on the social, professional, cultural and economical rehabilitation of this village as well as estate life. Moreover, our Association is developing programmes in Nicobar and in the Andaman Islands. The aim of this project is to rebuild 40 houses, buy fully equipped fishing boats, build a refrigerated storage facility for the preservation of fish and set up a reception centre to take care of the orphaned children. We are looking forward to relieving the inhabitants of Sri Lanka who are in dire straits and have to come to terms with this natural disaster.

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