



17th St. & Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
United States of America

Organization of American States

P. 202.458.3000
www.oas.org

Antigua and Barbuda

Argentina

The Bahamas

Barbados

Belize

Bolivia

Brazil

Canada

Chile

Colombia

Costa Rica

Cuba

Dominica

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

El Salvador

Grenada

Guatemala

Guyana

Haiti

Honduras

Jamaica

Mexico

Nicaragua

Panama

Paraguay

Peru

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Suriname

Trinidad and Tobago

United States of America

Uruguay

Venezuela

May 13, 2010

Ms. Navanethem Pillay
High Commissioner for Human Rights
Office of the High Commission for Human Rights
Palais des Nations, Geneva

Dear Ms. Pillay:

Pursuant to your letter of March 3, 2010, please find attached a summary of the actions taken by the Organization of American States (OAS) to protect the rights of child migrants.

Please note that we have no objection to the information provided herein being made available on the OHCHR.

I wish to reiterate our commitment to continuing to working closely with your institution.

Sincerely,

José Miguel Insulza
Secretary General



17th St. & Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
United States of America

Organization of American States

P. 202.458.3000
www.oas.org

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
The Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela

Brief Report on Actions taken to protect the Rights of Child Migrants

Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN)

The Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN), as an OAS Specialized Organization, has contributed to strengthening promotion and protection measures taken in connection with the migratory events which are affecting the region.

The IIN adopts the principle established in the Convention on the Rights of the Child which states that all children must maintain contact with both parents and that they must not be separated from them or from their family setting, particularly when children are taken from one country to another, and especially when seeking family reunification or during migration for economic reasons. In any of such cases, the States must make special efforts to provide special protection to migrant children who are travelling unaccompanied by their parents.

In compliance with the request received by the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN), this report provides an overview of the principal activities carried out from 2006 to the present with regard to the protection of child rights in the area of migration (child migrants). The Institute has contributed to strengthening the steps taken in connection with migratory events which affect the region. These contributions translate into the following actions and agreements carried out between 2006 and 2010:

I – Participation in International Forums and Meetings:

1) Ibero-American Conference of Ministers and Authorities Responsible for Children, "Migration and its effects on child rights", 5-7 October 2006, Montevideo. The IIN participated in different ways:

