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05/05/2015
INTERNATIONAL
Inaugural day of the Second APCJJ Meeting
OIJJ
On the morning of May 5th, in Phuket (Thailand), the Second Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice (APCJJ) was officially inaugurated. The meeting takes place from the 5th to the 8th of May under the title “Toward Child-Friendly Justice in the Asia-Pacific Region: Alternatives to Detention and Restorative Justice for Children.” [+]

06/05/2015
INTERNATIONAL
Second day of the APCJJ Meeting
OIJJ
While the first day focused on strategies to tackle violence against children, the following day of the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice’s Second Meeting was dedicated to a more practice-oriented approach, tackling diversion and alternative policies. [+]

07/05/2015
INTERNATIONAL
Third day of the APCJJ Meeting
OIJJ
The third day of the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice’s Second Meeting concentrated on restorative justice and the good practices that favour its implementation, and then featured the last capacity-building session before the policy-oriented day of the meeting. [+]

21/05/2015
INTERNATIONAL
Fourth day of the APCJJ Meeting
OIJJ
The fourth and last day of the APCJJ Second Meeting was designed as a policy oriented event, during which the participants engaged in a roundtable discussion on the future projects and activities of the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice. [+]

03/06/2015
INTERNATIONAL
International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggressions
OIJJ
June 4th is the United Nations International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggressions. On this event’s 33rd anniversary, there is still great concern over physical, mental and emotional abuse, in all its forms, suffered by children around the world. This annual celebration’s aim is to acknowledge the pain undergone by these children and to stress the need to protect their rights. [+]

01/06/2015
INTERNATIONAL
The 15th anniversary of the Protocols on the sale of children, child prostitution and pornography, and on their involvement in armed conflict
OIJJ
On the 25th of May the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights celebrated the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OPAC) and on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (OPSc). [+]

22/05/2015
INTERNATIONAL
The release of child soldiers and their difficult reintegration
OIJJ
On May 14th, more than 300 children, including several under the age of 12, were released from armed groups in the Central African Republic following a UNICEF-facilitated agreement on May 5th. Leaders of armed groups in the Central African Republic agreed to release all children associated with their forces and immediately end any new child recruitment. This is a great achievement against the use of children in armed conflict since, according to UNICEF, it could affect up to 10,000 children currently associated with the country’s armed factions. [+]

SLOVENIA
The aim of the legislative file is to provide IJJO Users with access to national legislation on minors in an ordered and organised way, including all laws in force, partial reforms and other laws regarding the protection of the rights of the child. [+]

IJJO INTERVIEWS
FRANCE
Julie Zerlauth-Disic, Coordinator of the ‘Ville amie des enfants’ program, UNICEF France
Julie Zerlauth-Disic coordinates the UNICEF France ‘Ville amie des
enfants’ (A city that’s a friend to the children) program. In particular, she establishes and develops relationships between the local authorities involved in the program. She also played a role in the creation of the UNICEF national opinion project in 2013: “Let’s listen to what the children have to say”, a study on the social integration of young people, through the voices of young people. ‘Ville amie des enfants’ is a UNICEF international initiative which links cities together through their engagement with the improvement of young people’s well-being. The program is one of action and asks the cities involved to present a detailed proposition of their plans and projects with the objective of improving the situation for young people in that area, primarily focusing on developments in security, health, education and the opinions of young people. The program started in France in 2002 with 12 participants and today has around 240. It allows the participants to benefit from a network of communication and training, and holds an annual conference whose aim is to encourage a dynamic exchange of good practices, ideas and projects. [+]