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## **Celebrating the Rights of the Child – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*MCCL GO in Geneva on behalf of unborn children*

GENEVA, Switzerland—The 20th Anniversary celebration of the Rights of the Child is taking place in Geneva, Switzerland, later this week and MCCL Global Outreach (MCCL GO) is a participant, hoping to direct attention to the rights of the unborn child.

The document being celebrated is the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, General Assembly Resolution 44, which is a comprehensive document to advance the cause and protection of all children throughout the world.

The document quotes the 1959 Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which says in part: “The child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth.”

Article 6 of the document states very simply, “State Parties recognize that every child has the inherent right to life.”

“United Nations documents, including the Rights of the Child, have directly stated support for the unborn child’s right to life,” commented MCCL GO Executive Director Scott Fischbach, who is in Geneva this week. “It is critical for the world audience to see and hear these documents and give them the weight and importance that they deserve.”

A total of 193 countries have ratified the Rights of the Child since 1989, yet nearly all of these countries have some form of legalized abortion. The World Health Organization has estimated that more than 42 million abortions are performed worldwide each year. MCCL GO believes that abortion is the greatest human rights struggle of our time and will be making that case in Geneva, Switzerland, this week with the release tomorrow of its own document, “Celebrating the Rights of the Child.”

A copy of MCCL GO’s “Celebrating the Rights of the Child” will be available Thursday, Oct. 8, by contacting Bill Poehler at [wpoehler@mccl.org](mailto:wpoehler@mccl.org) or 612-821-3502. A news release will be sent Thursday as well.

MCCL GO is a pro-life global outreach program of the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Education Fund with one very simple goal: to save as many innocent lives as possible from the destruction of abortion.