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## **New MCCL GO ‘Celebrating Rights of the Child’ document details U.N. rights of unborn**

*MCCL GO urges Geneva delegates to protect rights of unborn children*

GENEVA, Switzerland—MCCL Global Outreach (MCCL GO) released a [new document](#) today defending the rights of unborn children worldwide. “Celebrating the Rights of the Child” is being distributed at the 20th anniversary United Nations (U.N.) celebration of the Rights of the Child taking place in Geneva, Switzerland, with the hope of directing attention to the rights of the unborn child.

The MCCL GO document quotes from four major U.N. declarations on child rights, dating back to 1924. In each case, the rights of the child to life and protection are strongly affirmed by the international community. MCCL GO also explains how abortion serves neither the child nor his or her mother, but violates the rights of the child.

“As delegates and child’s rights advocates gather in Geneva to celebrate the progress that has been made, MCCL GO is here to remind them of the clear precedent set to defend the rights of every child—born and unborn,” said MCCL GO Executive Director Scott Fischbach, who is in Geneva this week. “MCCL GO is urging U.N. delegates to protect the rights of unborn children and to reject abortion as a gross violation of the child’s right to life.”

The celebrated 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, General Assembly Resolution 44, 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.”

MCCL GO’s Fischbach is joined by Patrick Buckley, U.N. Consultant for Britain’s Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. “The world has already recognized that human rights begin in the womb,” Buckley said. “The 1989 Convention’s specific declaration of the rights of unborn children provides a solid foundation for our efforts to defend their lives.”

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 this week.

A copy of MCCL GO’s “Celebrating the Rights of the Child” is available at the MCCL [Web site](#). 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.