

November 1989, the UN

General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, recognizing «that in all countries in the world, there are children living in exceptionally difficult conditions, and that such children need special consideration.» Then in May 2000, the General Assembly adopted an Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

In 1990, the UN Commission on Human Rights appointed a Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography with a mandate to investigate the problem and submit reports to the General Assembly.

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