



Programme E-Blast

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Information Sheet 2

**Latest Information
available on the
Programme Blog
found on the
Soroptimist
International
Website**

**[http://
siprogramme-
blog.blogspot.com/](http://siprogramme-blog.blogspot.com/)**

The [International Labour Office](#) (ILO) launched its *Forced Labour Global Report*

Entitled *The Cost of Coercion*. This report comes with a powerful economic argument, as well as a moral imperative, to why governments must give higher priority to combating forced labour practices in the private sector.

<http://www.ilo.org/global/lang-en/index.htm>

STOP THE TRAFFIK
People shouldn't be bought and sold

MARCH on MARS 2009... update

PRESS RELEASES

**Mars Capitulate to
STOP THE TRAFFIK
Chocolate Campaign...**

Stop The Traffik are delighted to announce that only one month into their 'March on Mars' campaign, Mars has already committed to 'certifying its entire cocoa supply by 2020'.

Find 'live' links to all messages below:



Important News for All on Supplement A

Assisting you in your work to help achieve the Programme Focus Goals 2007 –2011

15 YEARS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, ITS CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

Direct Link: UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women 1994-2009

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/women/rapporteur/docs/15YearReviewofVAWMandate.pdf>

Council of Europe Considers Convention on Violence Against Women

There is a clear need for a Convention to prevent and combat domestic violence and other forms of violence against women and to protect and support the victims. The Council of Europe is the first European organisation to tackle this problem head on by setting up the Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence which, beginning in April 2009, will start working on one or more legally binding instruments.

<http://www.coe.int/t/DGHL/StandardSetting/Violence/>

GEAR - UN GENDER EQUALITY ARCHITECTURE REFORM - PETITION

Build a United Nations That Really Works for All Women

An international coalition of over 300 women's organisations and human rights groups, representing more than 50 countries, is lending its support to a proposal aimed at creating a strong new women's body at the United Nations.

The coalition, which has been running a longstanding global campaign called Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR), has opted for a "hybrid" body: a mix of a U.N department and a U.N. agency, combining the best of both worlds. A paper by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, spelling out four options to strengthen the U.N.'s gender architecture, will go before the current sessions of the 192-member General Assembly for a final decision before September this year.

SI signed on to the movement at CSW in March!

SIGN PETITION ONLINE: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com:80/1/GEAR>

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End Hunger: Walk the World on Sunday 7th June 2009

For detailed information see article on the SI Blog by Else Larsen, SI Representative the UN in Rome-FAO (UN Agency -Food and Agriculture Organization)

Will your club participate?

To find out how to organize a "Walk" visit <http://www.wfp.org/>

There may also be a WFP Office in your own country or region which you can contact directly.

To organize a "Walk" is easy and a lot of fun – and, remember, your Club will be encouraging many more children, and specially girls, from poor countries, to attend school and help them fight hunger pains and concentrate on their studies

To find more information about Soroptimist programme work visit:

<http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/>

http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/html/president_s_appeal.html

http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/html/quadrennial_project.html

http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/html/stop_the_traffik.html

<http://www.unifem.org/campaigns/vaw/>