



Programme E-Blast

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

<http://siprogrammblog.blogspot.com/>

Join the UNEP Campaign to
Seal the Deal!
in Copenhagen!

When you have a moment, you are
invited to [sign the
Climate Petition at
\[www.sealthedeal2009.org\]\(http://www.sealthedeal2009.org\)](#)

STOP THE TRAFFIK

'Start Freedom'
a new global campaign to be
launched on October 14th 2009,
focusing on young people and
those involved in teaching and
youth work. It will be launched with
a live broadcast at UN HQ in New
York on that date. You can sign up
to this campaign on line- just go to
www.stophetraffic.org

Resources are available too.

2010 NGO GLOBAL FORUM FOR WOMEN: Beijing + 15

New York - 27 and 28 February 2010
immediately preceding the 54th UN
Commission on the Status of Women is
now open.

[https://www.ngocsw.org/en/
register/2010-forum](https://www.ngocsw.org/en/register/2010-forum)

**MESSAGE FROM THE UN
SECRETARY-GENERAL
ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
NON-VIOLENCE
2 October 2009**

www.un.org/sg/peacedaymessage2009.shtml

Those of you who have found the
WRUN material interesting and/or
relevant, should subscribe (free)
directly to the *Women's UN Report
Network* (WUNRN), as Eva Richter
is giving up her post.
Their website is
<http://www.wunrn.com>, and their
e-mail is info@wunrn.com

Important News for All on Supplement A

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

A HISTORICAL DAY FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

The secretariat for NGO Relations at the DPI, United Nations, announced on 24 September 2009 that the Government of Mexico presented the Declaration of the 62nd Annual DPI/NGO Conference to the Security Council. Congratulations must go to the SI Team who attended the Conference in Mexico City in September. They participated in the writing of this document!



*Now it is time to step up action! Say NO Phase 2 =
Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women.*

Launching this November, **Say NO – UNiTE** is a global call for actions on ending violence against women and girls. **The initial goal is to reach 1 million actions in one year. Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women** is UNIFEM's direct contribution to the [UN Secretary-General's UNiTE campaign](#), which involves the entire UN system, and it focuses attention on participants striving to end violence against women and girls around the world.

SIGN PETITION ONLINE: <http://saynotoviolence.org>

Resources can be found via the link below:

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

UNHCR Policy on Refugee Protection and Solutions in Urban Areas

Just launched by the Secretariat & Inter-Agency Service Division of External Relations of the UNHCR, with considerable help by the NGO community, is the new UNHCR Policy on Refugee Protection and Solutions in Urban Areas. You can access the document with the following link: <http://www.unhcr.org/4ab356ab6.pdf>

The implementation and the impact of the policy will be kept under regular review and the document will be revised if required and as appropriate.

Also see the [Opening Statement](#) by Mr. António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, at the **60th Session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (ExCom)**, Geneva, 28 September 2009. This outlines recent reforms of UNHCR and the challenges facing UNHCR. All this has impact on women and girls and will affect our neighborhoods, too:
<http://www.unhcr.org/4ac314009.html>

UN CSW Communications Procedure on Violations of Women's Rights

Any individual, non-governmental organization, group or network may submit communications (complaints/appeals/petitions) to the Commission on the Status of Women containing information relating to alleged violations of human rights that affect the status of women in any country in the world. The Commission on the Status of Women considers such communications as part of its annual programme of work in order to identify emerging trends and patterns of injustice and discriminatory practices against women for purposes of policy formulation and development of strategies for the promotion of gender equality. Find out more:
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/communications_procedure.html

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