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IN GENEVA

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Ms. Yanghee Lee
Chairman
Committee on the Rights of the Child
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10

Dear Ms. Chairperson:

My government would like to take this opportunity to provide a correction to information previously communicated to the Committee in connection with the Initial Report of the United States to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Specifically, in the May 2008 written reply of the United States to the "list of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of the United States of America" (CRC/C/OPAC/USA/1), the United States reported the following: "In the entirety of its existence, the Guantanamo Bay detention facility has held no more than eight juveniles, their ages ranging from 13 to 17 at the time of their capture." In response to a recent study by the Center for the Study of Human Rights in the Americas, the Department of Defense has reviewed its records and concluded that the correct total number of individuals who were below the age of 18 upon their arrival at Guantanamo is twelve, rather than eight.

Please allow me to express the longstanding commitment of the United States to the protection and promotion of human rights and its appreciation for the work of the Committee.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren W. Tichenor", written in a cursive style.

Warren W. Tichenor
Ambassador