

Annex ¹

Submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

2011 Day of General Discussion: “Children of incarcerated parents”

Recommendation 1:

All children be ensured the right to visit a parent in prison within a process and environment that is child-friendly, safe and positive, regardless of whether their parent is in sentenced or remand custody.

Recommendation 2:

States or their prison services provide financial support, including low-cost or free transportation services, to ensure that all families who wish to visit a prisoner in any correctional facility are able to do so.

Recommendation 3:

States support the development, provision and evaluation of innovative programs that promote and facilitate improved contact and positive parenting

Recommendation 4:

States provide financial support for NGOs that provide evidence-based and dedicated support services to families of prisoners

Recommendation 5:

States support academic research into the needs and experiences of children of prisoners, and all prison services record basic information about all prisoner’s children in a consistent and quantifiable manner

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