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11 May 1990

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the letter of 14 February 1990 addressed to Your Excellency by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, inviting your participation in the World Summit for Children in New York on 29-30 September 1990.

I was very gratified to hear your Minister of Health, Dr. Jorge Jimenez, announce to the UNICEF Executive Board that Your Excellency will participate in the World Summit for Children. I also express my appreciation for Chile's generous offer to contribute to the budget of the Summit.

UNICEF is particularly conscious of the progress which the Chilean people have made, despite tremendous difficulties, in the provision of primary health care for mothers and children, and especially in moving towards the goal of universal child immunization before the end of 1990. UNICEF renews our pledge to give the fullest possible support in this great undertaking, and I am confident that tremendous forward strides will be taken in this new era of Chilean democracy.

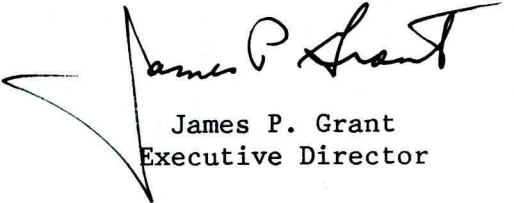
Your Permanent Representative to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Juan Somavia, has informed me that your Government would like to actively participate in the preparations for the World Summit, which are being managed by an inter-governmental Planning Committee. It is my pleasure to invite Your Excellency to designate a Personal Representative to join the Planning Committee. For Your Excellency's consideration, I enclose a list of the Personal Representatives who have been designated to date.

His Excellency  
Dr. Patricio Aylwin  
President of the Republic of Chile  
Santiago

*Dr. Designator representat ec  
Comité Preparatorio  
a Juan Somavia*

I look forward to learning of your formal response to the Secretary-General's invitation. Your presence at the World Summit for Children will be a further indication of the commitment you have already shown to the cause of children, and will demonstrate your country's dedication to still greater efforts. I look forward to the great pleasure of welcoming you here in New York in September.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



James P. Grant  
Executive Director

11 de mayo 1990

Excelentísimo Señor,

Tengo el honor de referirme a la carta de invitación enviada a Su Excelencia por el Secretario General de las Naciones Unidas, Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuellar el 14 de Febrero, para participar en la Reunión Cumbre para los Niños que se celebrará en New York entre el 29 y el 30 de septiembre de 1990.

Me gustaría informar a Su Excelencia el beneplácito que me ha causado el anuncio hecho por el Excelentísimo Señor Ministro de Salud Doctor Jorge Jiménez ante la Junta Ejecutiva de UNICEF, de que Su Excelencia participará en la Reunión Cumbre para los Niños. Permítame aprovechar esta ocasión para agradecer a Usted su generosa oferta de contribuir a sufragar los gastos de la referida reunión.

UNICEF es muy consciente de los progresos que el pueblo de Chile ha hecho, a pesar de algunas dificultades, en la provisión de los servicios de atención primaria de salud para las madres y los niños y en especial de la tarea de alcanzar las metas de la inmunización universal antes del fin de 1990. UNICEF le renueva su oferta de darle pleno apoyo en esta gran empresa con la confianza de que mayores éxitos se lograrán en esta nueva era de la democracia Chilena.

El Representante Permanente de Chile ante las Naciones Unidas, S. E. Sr. Juan Somavía ha informado que a su país le gustaría unirse al grupo que está preparando la Reunión Cumbre, que está siendo manejada por un Comité de Planificación intergubernamental. Por esta razón, en nombre de los precursores de ésta, tengo el honor de invitar a Su Excelencia a designar un representante suyo ante el Comité de Planificación. Para información de Su Excelencia, le estoy adjuntando una lista de los Representantes Personales que han sido designados hasta ahora.

Su Excelencia  
Doctor Patricio Aylwin  
Presidente de la República de Chile  
Santiago

Espero tener la oportunidad de conocer su respuesta a la carta del Secretario General. Su presencia en la Cumbre será una indicación más de su compromiso con la causa de los niños y demostrara la dedicación de su país a mayores esfuerzos. Tengo la esperanza de poder tener el placer de darle la bienvenida en New York en septiembre.

Acepte, Su Excelencia, las seguridades de mi más alta consideración y estima.

James P. Grant  
Director Ejecutivo



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## Members of the Planning Committee

(as of 25 April 1990)

<u>ALGERIA:</u>	(invited)
<u>BANGLADESH:</u>	H.E. Mrs. Syeda Razia Faiz* Minister for Women's Affairs
<u>CANADA:</u>	H.E. Mr. L. Yves Fortier* Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>CHINA:</u>	H.E. Mr. Li Luye* Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>ECUADOR:</u>	(invited)
<u>EGYPT:</u>	H.E. Mr. Esmat Abdel Meguid* Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs
<u>FINLAND:</u>	H.E. Dr. Klaus Törnudd* Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>FRANCE:</u>	H.E. Mme. Hélène Dorlhac* Secretary of State for the Family
<u>INDIA:</u>	H.E. Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee* Member of Parliament
<u>INDONESIA:</u>	H.E. Mr. Soepardjo Roestam* Minister Coordinator for People's Welfare
<u>IRELAND:</u>	H.E. Mr. Francis Mahon Hayes* Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>ITALY:</u>	H.E. Mr. Vieri Traxler* Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>JAPAN:</u>	H.E. Mr. Yoshio Hatano* Permanent Representative to the United Nations

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MALAYSIA: (invited)

MALI: H.E. M. Abdoulaye Diallo\*  
Minister of Health and Social Affairs

MEXICO: H.E. Mr. Andrés Rozental\*  
Under-Secretary of State

NETHERLANDS: H.E. Mr. Jan Pronk\*  
Minister for Development Co-operation

NIGERIA: (invited)

PAKISTAN: H.E. Senator Javed Jabbar\*  
Minister of State for Science and Technology

SENEGAL: H.E. Mrs. Ndioro Ndiaye\*  
Minister for Women's and Children's Affairs

SWEDEN: H.E. Mr. Hans Dahlgren\*  
Advisor to the Prime Minister

UGANDA: H.E. Prof. Perezi Karikubiro-Kamunanwire\*  
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

U.S.S.R.: H.E. Mr. Aleksandr M. Belonogov\* (ad interim)  
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

UNITED KINGDOM: H.E. Sir Crispin Tickell\*  
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

UNITED STATES: H.E. Mr. Peter Teeley\*  
United States Representative to UNICEF

VENEZUELA: H.E. Dr. Andrés Aguilar\*  
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

YUGOSLAVIA: H.E. Mr. Dragoslav Pejić\*  
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

ZIMBABWE: H.E. Dr. Isack Mudenge\* (ad interim)  
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

Ex officio:

UNICEF: Mr. James P. Grant  
Executive Director

Secretariat: Mr. Michael Shower  
Executive Secretary for the World Summit

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## **"To save succeeding generations..."**

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada, President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, President Moussa Traoré of Mali, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan and Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson of Sweden have called a World Summit for Children, to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 29-30 September 1990, to enhance political commitment for the benefit of children, nationally and internationally. Prime Minister Mulroney and Prime Minister Bhutto will co-chair this unprecedented North-South-East-West global summit.

The purpose of the World Summit for Children is to bring attention and promote commitment, at the highest political level, to goals and strategies for ensuring the survival, protection and development of children as key elements in the socio-economic development of all countries and human society. The aim is to stimulate new initiatives in all countries, and among the international community, to address those issues that most critically affect children for the decades ahead. The meeting will result in a Declaration of commitment to achieving these goals in the 1990s. The Initiators believe that the Summit also can accelerate ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Experience in recent years with the approaches known generally as the "Child Survival and Development Revolution" has demonstrated that dramatic progress can be achieved in reducing child deaths and improving child health and well-being. The necessary mobilization of multiple sectors of government and society to achieve this progress invariably requires the personal and active involvement of national leaders. It has also been demonstrated that this improvement in the survival of children through the involvement of parents contributes to a subsequent greater voluntary reduction in births.

The growing impact on children of several critical global problems - notably war and violence, poverty, debt, degradation of the environment, and drugs - must also be a major concern of all political leaders. These issues present a challenge which demands concerted international action.

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### **World Summit for Children**

The Initiators seek a new commitment by the world's leaders to protect the lives of children and to promote their well-being as a reaffirmation of the obligation under the Charter of the United Nations "to save succeeding generations". Making the survival, development and well-being of children a focus and a test of successful development efforts would affirm that the ultimate purpose of development is to enhance human capabilities and the human condition.

In the process of preparing for the World Summit, the Initiators encourage all sectors of society to consider their possibilities for contributing to the improved survival, protection and development of children. Important work in this field can be done by international organizations and institutions, non-governmental organizations, the media and professional associations, community organizations and public leaders, as well as authorities of government at various levels. The Initiators welcome efforts by UNICEF and other institutions to encourage this participation, and in various ways to seek to derive maximum benefit for children as a result of the call for the Summit.

The proposal for a World Summit for Children was first put forward in UNICEF's State of the World's Children Report in December 1988, with the encouragement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar. During 1989, it was endorsed by over 100 Governments, and by summit meetings of the Francophone countries, the Organization for African Unity, the Non-Aligned Movement, and the Commonwealth nations.

At the request of the Initiators and with the endorsement of the UNICEF Executive Board, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has extended invitations on their behalf to the Heads of State or Government of all Member States of the United Nations, with particular encouragement to those whose countries are members of the UNICEF Executive Board.

A Planning Committee has been established to manage preparations for the World Summit. The Planning Committee consists of Personal Representatives of the Heads of State or Government of 28 countries: Algeria, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sweden, Uganda, the USSR, the United Kingdom, the United States, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, and Zimbabwe. UNICEF is serving as the Secretariat for the preparation and organization of the meeting.