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Dear Mr Terezakis,

The South African Mission to the United Nations has studied the problem raised in your letter with care and has also done research on the issue at the United Nations.

The fact is that this body is very active in this field, but that their usual approach is from the position of the "Rights of the Child", as you will be able to see from the copy of "International Children's Rights Monitor" which is attached for your information.

The United Nations does not have any direct right of intervention in member countries, unless this is conferred on it by some international treaty. The only treaty which it appears could have some bearing on this case is the "Convention on the Rights of the Child". However, as you will see from UN Document CRC/SP/4 which is also attached, South Africa has neither signed nor ratified this Convention, which is thus not applicable to events in South Africa.

As you will know, no government servant may offer direct legal advice to the public. Speaking purely from an international point of view, however, it does appear that recourse to the United Nations is unlikely to bear any fruit in a case such as this.

It is trusted that this information will be of use to you.

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE





Mr Terezakis  
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I know that much time has passed since you wrote to us on the question of Children's rights. My apology for the delay in acknowledgement.

Please be assured that your letter as well as submissions of many similarly concerned South Africans have been forwarded to the relevant Working Groups for consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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Re: Bill of Rights w.r.t. Childrens Rights.

I hereby appeal on behalf of myself and my so called "illegitimate" 2 year old baby daughter to bring your attention to the current unjust and unfair legal discrimination against us which is a gross violation of our basic human rights. I as an unmarried father have no rights at all. This creates an unfavourable climate of injustice and dissatisfaction due to the

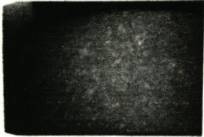


numerous and divergent groups which compose the matrix of South African society.

The proposed South African draft Bill of Rights as released by the SA Law Commission has a Childrens Charter incorporated into it consisting of six sentences! It is grossly inadequate and must under no circumstances be adopted. There is no need for a "local" charter when there already exists an unanimously adopted United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child. Most countries including our neighbouring countries have signed. Why has South Africa not signed and ratified this UN Convention?

With the emerging of the New South Africa and our gradual international acceptance, I ask all the participants of the C.O.D.E. S.A. talks, to consider ALL our South African children and their rights — as they are the future of our country and their well-being is of

PARAMOUNT importance !!

 Thank-you in anticipation.  
Yours faithfully.

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\* Enclosed is a letter to me from the South African  
Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva.

