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World Day against Child Labour, 11 June 2004

This is to inform you of the initiatives taken by the Rome Branch Office (RBO) in occasion of the World Day against Child Labour.

A conference was held on 11 June in Villa Aldobrandini where the Rome Branch Office premises are located. The conference entitled “The commitment of Italy against child labour”, during which several representatives of ILO constituents as well as of the world of education and enterprise took the floor, attracted a rather numerous audience (including representatives of embassies, UN agencies and civil society). The Italian Ministry of Labour addressed a special message (see document attached) read during the Conference by the facilitator Santo della Volpe, editor-in-chief of TG3 RAI.

In his introductory speech, the RBO Director, Claudio Lenoci, presented the ILO report on child domestic work (Helping hands or shackled lives) and underscored the renewed willing of the Italian government not to underestimate the phenomenon of child labour intensified by high immigration and non-registered work rates. One of the most positive results of the conference was the agreement of government’s and trade unions’ representatives on resuming the dialogue on child labour issues they broke off for several years. To be also noted, the participation of school teachers and pupils who participate to the IPEC-SCREAM project.

Information material adapted to the Italian context has been distributed: factsheets on child labour, press releases, leaflet and other material on SCREAM as well as gadgets on WDACL. Documents of social partners were also included in the folder (see particularly the document on Child Labour jointly established by CGIL-CISL-UIL). The information material has immediately been available in an on-line press kit on the RBO web site www.ilo.org/rome.

The RBO event has been organized in close coordination with DCOMM and IPEC.

List of participants:

Grazia SESTINI (Undersecretary of State to Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs)
Maria BURANI PROCACCINI (President of Interparliamentary Commission on Childhood)
Giorgio USAI (Confindustria)
Giuseppe CASADIO (CGIL)
Gigi BONFANTI (CISL)
Massimo DI MENNA (UIL)
Simonetta FICHELLI (Ministry of Public Instruction)
Rosaria DI Lullo (school teacher - SCREAM project)
Martino TRONCATTI (representative of a private enterprise whit its own code of conduct)
Media and Press coverage ensured by:
- press agencies and web news services (ANSA, Adnkronos, AGI, etc);
- articles and references on the main Italian daily newspapers: Corriere della Sera, Il Manifesto, Il Messaggero, Il Tempo, Italia Oggi, L'Avvenire, La Stampa, Liberazione, La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno, L'Osservatore romano, Conquiste del Lavoro, Quotidiano sociale (some press clippings attached);
- articles and reports on magazines: L'Espresso, Panorama (press clippings attached);
- images and reports on TV (RAI1, RAI2, RAI3, RAI Televideo, Italia1, SAT 2000, SKY TG 24), with interview of the RBO Director on RAI1 and RAI3;
- radio reports (Radio 24, GR1 RAI, Radio Vaticana, GR Corriere della Sera, Radio Bluesat, Radio Città Futura, Kataweb Lavoro) with interviews of the RBO Director, Cristiana Falcone (DCOMM), Francesco D'Ovidio (IPEC) as well as some ILO social partners.