



The Observatory on the Rights of Children

considering that:

the phenomenon of pedopornography has undertaken more and more dramatic international dimensions;

the uncontrolled extension of the phenomenon produces a turnover of billions of dollars stirring up an incontrovertible criminal "new economy";

the age limit of children violated for the sake of pedopornography has notably gone down and involves newborn babies;

considering that:

according to the Facultative Protocol of the Convention of the Rights of Infancy regarding the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts, the Trade of Children, the Juvenile Prostitution and the Juvenile Pornography, adopted by means of a Decision of the General Assembly of UNO on 25th May 2000, has already marked out the crime of pedopornography as "any representation, with any means, of a child involved in definite sexual activities, real or fictitious, or any representation of the sexual parts of a child above all for sexual purposes;

considering that:

differently from crimes with a sexual background on children, which necessarily require the fulfilment of criminal acts in a temporal and territorial space which by nature may be identified and therefore subjected to the correspondent laws of the State where it has been carried out, the crime of pedopornography by means of Internet causes an objective impossibility for the Institutions to face an overall view of the phenomenon with national laws as clashing as nullifying one another;

asks:

the Italian Government, the European Commission, Unicef, The Commission for the Human Rights as well as all the structures of the Civilized Society which have the Rights of Children at heart to promote any way and in every over national institutional Office the qualification of the crime of pedopornography by means of Internet as a "Crime against Mankind".

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