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BRIEF NEWS FROM IBCR

We'd like to introduce you to our informal newsletter, which is published on an occasional basis to inform you on the happenings and developments at IBCR. With these newsletters, we aim to bring you up to date on our successes, projects, introduce you to some of our collaborators and summarize our more important meetings. We hope that you will appreciate this new form of communication, more relaxed, informal but with the intention of giving you a more open window into the everyday world of IBCR.

A prestigious Board of Directors

This year, IBCR has the honour and pleasure of welcoming two new impressive members to its Board of Directors.

Ambassador Moushira Khattab (EGYPT) has joined our team as Vice-President – United Nations Liaison. This is a perfectly-suited mission for Ambassador Khattab, who is the currently a member and Vice-chair of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva. She is well-placed to create a strong link between our activities and those of the UN and strengthen the collaboration between IBCR and the various branches of the UN that are related to the rights of children. This respected diplomat is a valued addition to IBCR in light of her vast knowledge and experience, but also for her skills in the art of human relations. Heavily involved in promoting the rights of children, a cause in which she firmly believes, Ambassador Khattab played an important role in the adoption of the Guidelines on child victims in 2005 by maintaining a firm yet diplomatic dialogue. The IBCR welcomes this charismatic advocate who will undoubtedly well represent IBCR on the international front and at the United Nations.

Another new and distinguished member of the IBCR's Board of Directors is Mrs. Mary-Anne Kirvan (CANADA), legal counsel with the National Centre for Crime Prevention since 1997, where she has been responsible for the international dimensions of the Centre and has represented Canada numerous times at the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna. She has long held a profound commitment to the rights of children. IBCR Director General Jean-François Noël describes her as motivated and passionate, and always available despite her demanding duties. It is with great joy and pride that we welcome these two remarkable women to our team.

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