Dear President Obama,

As one of the leading child rights organisations working in 68 countries, Terre Des Hommes (www.terredeshommes.org) urges you to send the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) to the U.S. Senate for ratification. Terre Des Hommes supports the CRC campaign in the US (www.childrightscampaign.org).

Around the world, the CRC is an important tool to promote protections and rights for the most vulnerable and marginalized children. The CRC strengthens Nation’s ability to provide a framework to help better address challenges facing children and families in the US and abroad.

Mr. President, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, you are a champion for human rights and for children’s rights. As you know, the United States stands with Somalia and South Sudan as the only holdouts from ratifying the CRC, the most widely accepted human rights instrument in history. The conspicuous absence of the United States as a party to the CRC undermines the USA’s international leadership role on behalf of children.

The United States cannot move forward on ratification, however, unless the President submits the CRC to the Senate for its advice and consent. Although Administration officials have promised to review the treaty, there is no specific timeframe for submitting it to the Senate.

Terre Des Hommes asks you to submit the CRC to the Senate to mark the 25th anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Children celebrating on the 20th November 2014. The United Nations and its member countries observe this anniversary to promote the rights, welfare and protection of the world’s children. By sending the CRC to the Senate, Mr. President, you will demonstrate your commitment to the values enshrined in the treaty.

Sincerely,

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