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## **Universal Children's Day**

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The United Nations has declared November 20<sup>th</sup> as [Universal Children's Day](#). It is a time to celebrate the documents that have been declared on behalf of our youngest members of the human family. Following are excerpts from U.N. documents upholding the right to life of all the world's children, born and unborn, that we celebrate on the Universal Children's Day.

[Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#) (League of Nations, Sept. 26, 1924)

(2) The child that is hungry must be fed; the child that is sick must be nursed; the child that is backward must be helped; the delinquent child must be reclaimed; and the orphan and the waif must be sheltered and succored.

[Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (Dec. 10, 1948)

Article 3: Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

[Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#) (Nov. 20, 1959, General Assembly Resolution 1386 (XIV))

*Preamble (excerpt):*

Whereas the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth.

*Principal 4*

The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security. He shall be entitled to grow and develop in health; to this end, special care and protection shall be provided both to him and to his mother, including adequate pre-natal and post-natal care. The child shall have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreation and medical services.

*Principal 5*

The child who is physically, mentally or socially handicapped shall be given the special treatment, education and care required by his particular condition.

*Principal 8*

The child shall in all circumstances be among the first to receive protection and relief.

[Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) (Nov. 20, 1989, General Assembly Resolution 44)

Bearing in mind that, as indicated in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, "the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."

*Article 6*

1. States Parties recognize that every child has the inherent right to life.
2. States Parties shall ensure to the maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child.

*Article 23*

1. States Parties recognize that a mentally or physically disabled child should enjoy a full and decent life, in conditions which ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate the child's active participation in the community.

*Article 24*

2. States Parties shall pursue full implementation of this right and, in particular, shall take appropriate measures:
  - (a) To diminish infant and child mortality
  - (d) To ensure appropriate pre-natal and post-natal health care for mothers.

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