



Interventions orales faites au dernier Conseil des Droits de l'Homme par Ignasi Grau i Callizo, représentant de l'OIDEL et de l'OIEC à Genève.

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Thank you Mr. Special Rapporteur. We would like to thank you for treating such a delicate topic such as the right of privacy of children.

Though, we would like to raise some concerns on the content of your report.

First, the justification of many of your proposals pursue autonomy as the supreme goal that the international community would want the child to achieve. We have looked for "autonomy" in the main Human Rights Treaties and it does not appear, not even in the Covenant on the Rights of the Children. The main goal of education is the full development of human being, which is not the same as autonomy. The full development of human being understands that the children are not isolated islands and that they develop critical thinking within a cultural context and within a community. We are afraid that the concept of autonomy is not consensual, and that might have an ideological bias.

In addition, we want to underline the role of parents ensuring the right of privacy of children. Parents are the ones who suffer the most the abuses of the privacy of their children. Many times these parents are the ones who share and bear together with their children the causes of discrimination. We demand prudence regarding the moral convictions of parents, because these are protected by the human rights instruments, and because they are the cornerstones of the right of privacy of many children. It can be traumatically for many children the vilification of their parents. We invite you to not perceive parents as a suspicious actor, but as a strategic ally.

Thank you.

