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To the World Summit Mobilization  
SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN

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I send you with this letter the statement adopted by the World Council Meeting of OMEP in Lagos, Nigeria, August 10th-11th, wishing success for the Summit for Children, to be held in New York, September 30th-31st 1990.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eva Balke".

Eva Balke  
World President of OMEP



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## S T A T E M E N T

TO THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN  
FROM  
THE WORLD COUNCIL OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION,  
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**We call upon** the participating Heads of State or Government at the World Summit for Children to take cognizance of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to give special consideration to the well-being of young children in the first six years of life.

The facts are that:

- In the first six years of life, children are totally dependent, and have both a need and a right to adult care and protection.
- Basic needs for survival and growth of very young children are:  
a) early identification and treatment of physical and mental developmental problems; b) appropriate nutrition; and c) a nurturing environment.
- The cost of investment in children in the early years cannot be measured against the price of neglecting them.

**We call upon** the World Summit for Children to set the highest priority for children in the early years, to be reflected in recommendations calling for:

1. Developing strategies for supporting and maintaining the family.
2. Providing services to children in the early years, to promote:  
health and development  
emotional stability  
educational enrichment
3. Developing as many alternative strategies and techniques as possible for reaching out to, and accomodating the needs of children in the early years.
4. Considering the issue of preparation of personnel for promoting the well-being and education of children in the early years from the broadest perspective - providing training and guidance for parents, teachers, health care workers, social workers and any other possible service-givers.

**We recommend** that a permanent body be established to ensure that the decisions of the World Summit for children be translated into action for the well-being of children of all ages, the world over.

(Signatures attached)

Lagos, Nigeria  
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