



# The Red Hand Campaign

ONE MILLION RED HANDS AGAINST THE USE OF CHILD SOLDIERS

**On February 12, 2002, a new treaty came into effect, banning the use of children under age 18 in war. Unfortunately, the United Nations estimates that up to 250,000 children are still being used as soldiers in 20 armed conflicts worldwide.**

Children have initiated the Red Hand Campaign to urge officials at the United Nations to act. Create your message on a sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 paper including your name, your town, state and country. As an expression of your protest, please include your handprint in red paint. These messages will then be forwarded to the United Nations.

The aim of this global campaign is to present UN officials in New York with one million red hands on Red Hand Day 2009 (February 12), the anniversary of the day the treaty to ban child soldiers took effect. We will make clear that we expect more than a ban – we want it to be enforced.



Members of the US Campaign to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers display red hands on the steps of the US Capitol building.

## Please participate!

**We ask all organisations, communities, schools and individuals to join this campaign and organize event in towns and cities around the world.**

**Appeal to your partner schools and sister cities in other countries.**

**We want this international campaign to be noticed. Please upload reports and photos from your event to the Red Hand Day website at [www.redhandday.org](http://www.redhandday.org).**

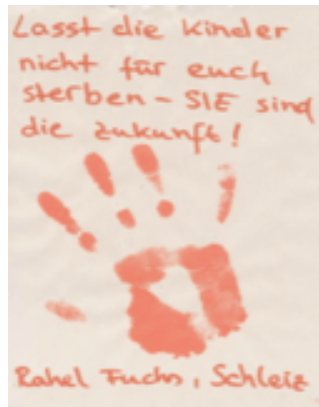
**If you live in the United States, please send your sheets of paper with the red hands to: Red Hand Campaign, c/o HRW, 350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, NY 10118**

**Address any queries to [kizukak@hrw.org](mailto:kizukak@hrw.org)**

**If you are outside the US, please obtain an address from [aktion@babylon21.org](mailto:aktion@babylon21.org).**

**For more information about child soldiers, visit the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers at [www.child-soldiers.org](http://www.child-soldiers.org).**

*The Red Hand symbol was introduced by the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers for the worldwide campaign against the use of child soldiers.*



**("Don't let the children die for you— THEY are the future!"**

Rahel Fuchs, Schleiz, Germany)



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