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Dear Carmen,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to congratulate you and ECPAT for the make-IT-safe campaign, recently launched on 18 April 2005.

The Internet has created an exciting world of information and communication. While this technology offers unprecedented opportunities for children and adults to learn, participate and choose, it is also very open to abuse. Children and adolescents are great users of the Internet and are exposed to damaging material and Internet grooming.

Child pornography on the Internet is a truly global problem and needs global responses. As you are aware, I decided to devote my 2005 report to the Commission on Human Rights to this alarming phenomenon with the purpose to raise awareness about the problem of child pornography on the Internet, take stock of the existing definitions, instruments and measures to address it, offer a basis for discussion and suggest a number of recommendations. I hope the report can be of use in the framework of the make-IT-safe campaign.

Mobilization of different actors and awareness raising are key factors to fight child pornography on the Internet. The private sector, especially Internet Service Providers, mobile phone companies, software houses, online service providers, credit-card companies, and internet cafes, is an indispensable ally that we need to sensitise and lobby.

The make-IT-safe goes exactly in this direction and this is why I wanted to publicly express my support in my capacity as Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

I hope that, in our respective capacities, our joint efforts will yield the expected results and I am confident that I will be able to report on the make-IT-safe campaign as a successful experience in my next reports to the Commission on Human Rights.

In this spirit of collaboration and dialogue, I look forward future occasions to join our voices for a common goal.

Warmest regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.M. Petit", written over a light-colored rectangular stamp.

Juan Miguel Petit,  
Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography