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The Secretariat
Technical Commission on
Fundamental Human Rights
World Trade Centre
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ATTENTION : MELODY EMMETT - Fax no. 397-2211

Dear Sirs,

re : HUMAN RIGHTS BILL

The Sunshine Centre Association is an organisation which renders services to young mentally handicapped children and their families. We are affiliated to the S.A. Federation for Mental Health and are members of Reef Forum. We were very closely involved in the campaign for a Charter of Rights for the mentally handicapped.

We understand that the proposals for the inclusion of this Charter will not be implemented, but that avenues for the creation of legislation have been opened.

We have also been informed that a Commission is to be appointed to monitor fundamental human rights, and we earnestly request that at least one member of this committee is intimately involved and au fait with the field of mental handicap, in order to act as their advocate. We feel that this is absolutely essential so as to ensure that the rights of the mentally handicapped are vouchsafed, as by the very nature of their handicaps, these persons are in the main unable to negotiate for themselves.

We trust that you understand our concerns, and we look forward to your response. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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