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Message from His Excellency Johan Verbeke,
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"As an alumnus of Yale University, it gives me a particular pleasure to bring this brief message of support to the mission of Distressed Children & Infants International's 5th Annual Conference on Child Rights & Sight. This conference comes at the right time. Indeed, last month the international community agreed on an overarching set of Sustainable Development Goals. The United Nations New York Summit was just a first step in an ambitious undertaking. Now we will need all actors, academics, grassroots, governmental and non-governmental organizations, multilateral and bilateral institutions, to work together in order to ensure that these enterprising goals become reality. Implementation is now our challenge. Every effort counts, in particular this conference with its focus on the rights of distressed children that aims at bringing together stakeholders from different settings. Be assured that Belgium stands with you in support of your mission".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Verbeke'.