



**South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children [SAIEVAC]**  
SAARC Apex Body



**In Solidarity with the Children of SAARC**

## **SAIEVAC Statement**

for Ending all forms of Violence Against Children on

**"25 YEARS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD"**

**Kathmandu (Nepal), 20 November, 2014**

Today marks the 25 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child since its landmark adoption in 1989. For South Asia it is indeed a special day as all South Asian states are parties to the Convention.

Today is not just a day to commemorate as the day of the completion of two and half decades of work in support of the rights and needs of children but also a day to reflect how much we have lived up to our promises.

While there are reasons to celebrate the global recognition of the rights of the child following the entry into force of the treaty, there are several existing and emerging concerns with regard to the rights of the child. South Asia is home to over one fifth of the world's population; and over 40% of its population are children under 18 years of age, amounting to half a billion. Despite the promise to protect children from all forms of violence, South Asian states need to do more to fulfil their human rights obligations and ensure the protection of children from all forms of violence.

In observing this day of 25 years of the CRC, SAIEVAC (South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children) join hands with all the United Nations agencies, INGOs and Civil Society Organizations (SACG and NACGs) to remind ourselves of the persistence that we need to show by creating a world free of violence and in securing the rights of our children in the region and globally.

As an Apex Body of SAARC for children, it is our privilege to call upon our Governments and influential actors of SAARC to rededicate ourselves to the cause of children, particularly in ending all forms of violence against children.

On this Day, SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat renews our commitment and remains steadfast to end all forms of violence against children "In Solidarity with the Children of SAARC". Today is also a good day to thank all our partners (organizations and individuals) for their continued commitment and support to the SAIEVAC Mission!

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