The 4th South Asia Forum for Ending Violence Against Children (SAF) met in Kathmandu on 21-22 January, 2010. Taking stock of progress and the opportunities presented, members of the Forum in collaboration with the SAARC Secretariat endorsed a new Institutional Framework for Ending Violence Against Children in which the Forum will transform into a permanent Regional Centre with the change in Nomenclature to ‘South Asia Initiative for Ending Violence against Children’ (SAIEVAC). SAIEVAC will be composed of representatives from the governments of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. SAIEVAC activities will be decided by the Board, made up of representatives from all 8 member states and coordinated by a Permanent Secretariat hosted by the Government of Nepal. SAIEVAC will continue to strengthen its institutional linkages with the SAARC mechanisms in its mission to end violence against children in South Asia.

SAIEVAC and the SACG therefore make this Commitment to Action by putting forth the following recommendations.

**Commitment to Action**

1. We the members of the South Asia Initiative for Ending Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) commit to ensuring heightened attention to ending violence against children and simultaneously ensuring adequate focus and promotion of the well-being of women, children and youth in the South Asian Region as laid forth in the Social Charter of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and in line with the recommendations presented in the UN Study on Violence Against Children (2006).

2. We the members of the South Asia Initiative for Ending Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) commit to promoting institutional mechanisms that building linkages and synergies with the SAARC processes so as to achieve the objective of region-wide consensus on social action for realizing the rights of the child and the goals set for them within the framework of the survival, development and protection strategy, addressed during the SAARC Ministerial Conferences on Children.

3. We the members of the South Asia Initiative for Ending Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) commit to strengthening regional cooperation and coordination between governments, bilateral agencies, UN-agencies, INGO/NGOs, networks, regional judiciary forums, media, the corporate sector, academia, women, children and young people to address and implement recommendations from the UN Study on Violence Against Children (2006) and additional recommendations from global, regional, ministerial, and local studies and reports to end violence against women, children and youth in South Asia, specifically recognizing and acting on the key issues for the region (ANNEX 1) which include early marriage, violence, child trafficking, and sexual abuse and exploitation.

4. We the members of the South Asia Initiative for Ending Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) commit to involve children and youth, strengthen and support child-led organizations and ensure children and youth’s participation in decision-making on all matters that affect their lives.