

RELATIONSHIPS: A GLOBAL STANDARD

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

RECOGNIZES:

■ THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE HUMAN PERSON IS FUNDAMENTAL TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

■ NO ONE SHALL BE HELD IN SLAVERY OR SERVITUDE; SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE TRADE SHALL BE PROHIBITED (Article 4).

■ NO ONE SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO TORTURE OR TO CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT (Article 5).

■ EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO RECOGNITION EVERYWHERE AS A PERSON BEFORE THE LAW (Article 6).

■ EVERYONE HAS DUTIES TO THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH ALONE THE FREE AND FULL DEVELOPMENT OF HIS [HER] PERSONALITY IS POSSIBLE (Article 29 (1)).

■ NOTHING IN THIS DECLARATION MAY BE INTERPRETED AS IMPLYING FOR ANY STATE, GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL ANY RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY OR TO PERFORM ANY ACT AIMED AT THE DESTRUCTION OF ANY OF THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS SET FORTH HEREIN (Article 30).

THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

RECOGNIZES:

■ State Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures ...

... to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care of the child (Article 19).

... to protect children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as defined in the relevant international treaties, and to prevent the use of children in the illicit production and trafficking of such substances (Article 33).

... to protect children from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. For these purposes, States parties shall in particular take all appropriate national, bilateral and multilateral measures to prevent: (a) The inducement or coercion of a child to engage in any unlawful sexual activity; (b) The exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual practices and (c) the exploitative use of children in pornographic performance and materials (Article 34).

... to prevent the abduction of, the sale of or traffic in children for any purpose or in any form (Article 35).

... to protect the child against all other forms of exploitation prejudicial to any aspects of the child's welfare (Article 36).

... to shall ensure that no child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (Article 37 (a)).

... to promote physical and psychological recovery and social integration of a child victim of: any form of neglect, exploitation, or abuse; torture or any other form of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; ... recovery and integration shall take place in an environment which fosters the health, self-respect and dignity of the child (Article 39).

■ States Parties shall take all effective and appropriate measures with a view to abolishing traditional practices prejudicial to the health of children (Article 12 (3)).

■ Nothing in the present Convention shall affect any provisions which are more conducive to the realization of the rights of the child and which may be contained in:

- (a) The law of a State Party; or
- (b) International law in force for that State (Article 41).