# Pledge by Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 13 July 1994

Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography on 26 September 2007

## **Pledges**

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30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Initiatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran's National body on the Convention on the Rights on the Child (NBCRC)

# What: Convening 31 specialized national conferences

Why: Familiarizing governmental and non-governmental administrative directors in the provinces with challenges in implementation of the child rights with the purpose of increasing the cooperation and synergy then and using existing capacities for addressing the challenges.

How: Providing the specialized learning materials about existing challenges by recruiting well-known national lecturers, preparing action plan within provinces by proposals due to the brainstorming sessions with participation of distinguished figures in universities, seminaries, executive sectors and NGOs.

When: April 2019-March 2020

Who: NBCRC with cooperation of the provincial focal points

#### What: Year for Child Rights Evolution

Why: On the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CRC adoption, the NBCRC as the coordinating institution with involving governmental and non-governmental bodies has named 'Child Rights Evolution' as the theme of the year and has prepared this year's plans and programs accordingly.

How: Mobilizing capacities of governmental and non-governmental bodies, which are members of the 'Coordinating Council for NBCRC' and the provincial corresponding authorities with aiming promoting and enhancing child rights in some areas of concern.

When: 2019-March 2020

Who: NBCRC with contribution of provincial focal points

# What: Opening 31 Child Rights Clinics

Why: With respect to safeguarding, promoting and enhancing child rights, the opening of Child Rights Clinics has been put in the agenda of the CRC's National Authority with the cooperating of the 'Scientific Association of Iran's Child Rights', universities and municipalities.

How: In the contemporary world, the last resort for social challenges and struggles is to use the capacities of the clinics. These centers – under the presence of civil workers, psychologists and

lawyers – address issues relates to the child rights as well as educate parents and children. Providing assistance, consultation, and coordination along with referring cases to the affiliated bodies is among functions of these clinics.

When: 2019 - March 2020

Who: NBCRC with contribution or universities and municipalities

#### What: Holding 'Child Right's National Festival'

Why: It is expected that any work which contribute – in any way – to the promotion and enhancement of the child and which can enrich the literature of the child rights should be appreciated and prized. Besides, this festival could motivated the distinguished figures in artistic fields for raising novel ideas for the sake of grabbing further attention to the child rights.

How: By issuing festival poster, all individuals engaging in movie, photography, book, article, thesis and startup will ne appreciated and prized.

When: November 2019

Who: NBCRC with contribution of the 'Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults', the members of the 'Coordinating Council for NBCRC' and the Scientific Association of Iran's Child Rights.

# What: Convening International Conference on Child Rights

Why: Necessity for paying special attention to some declared instances in the Conference; using experiences and international capacities in this Conference.

How: Convening a two-day conference with speeches and training workshops with the contribution of the governmental and non-governmental organizations, individuals, academics, legal specialists, national and international psychologists.

When: 19-20 November 2019

Who: NBCRC and the members of the 'Coordinating Council for NBCRC'

# What: Establishing Working Group for Child Rights and Cyber Space

Why: Given the facing challenges of the children in the cyber space and the increase of the accessibility of urban and rural areas to the IT/ICT and the NBCRCR is determined to establish a working group for 'Child Rights and Cyber Space' with the assistance of the Iran's ICT Ministry.

How: With the participation of representatives from the NBCRC, the ICT Ministry, Cyber Space Directorate in the Office of Prosecutor-General, Supreme Council for Cyber Space, the Judiciary's Directorate for Crime Prevention, Ministry of Education and NGOs, the special working group will deal with preparing proper contents for children with respect to their age and also discuss the technical infrastructure require for children's access to the 'clean Internet'.

When: The establishment of this working group was adopted on 21 July 2019, during the coordinating Council session chaired by the Minister of Justice as the Director of CRC's focal points.

Who: NBCRCR and ICT Ministry

What: Child Rights School

Why: In line with promotion of child rights across Iran, NBCRC has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Interior in order to take benefit the capacities of Women and Family Affairs offices, which are considered as the provincial corresponding authorities. These offices have the responsibility to promote and enhance the child rights and outline the strategic policy of the Province in this regard. It is expected that the Child Rights School is deemed a good opportunity to exchange views and updated information about national and international developments. Representatives from governmental and non-governmental bodies involving the child rights in Tabriz Province are another target audience of the School.

How: It is intended that Child Rights School will be held during the course of three day with the contribution of Municipality of Tabriz, Ministry of Interior and Provincial Government of Tabriz.

When: September 2019

Who: NBCRC, Ministry of Interior, Municipality of Tabriz, Provincial Government of Tabriz

## What: Foundation of thinkers Group (Andishe Varzan Group)

Why: In order to take useful ideas, viewpoints and initiatives of any persons dealing with and7or pondering over the child rights as well as hearing the ordinary people about this issue, the NBCRC work on and revise these ideas in order to put them into action plans.

How: After the announcement, the interested and willing persons will take part in the monthly sessions of the Thinkers Group (Andishe Varzan Group) and share their viewpoints about the topics and themes.

When: Since Late April 2019

Who: NBCRC

# What: Working on Report about Child Rights Challenges across Iran

Why: In order to accurately identify the challenges and then to plan compatibility with the provinces' challenges, the NBCRC with the help of its provincial counterparts, prepare a report indicting each and every province's challenges on the child rights with the purpose of right policy making and planning to achieve the proper results.

How: Through the announcement to all provinces for identifying and categorizing challenges in the way of child rights implementation.

When: Since late May 2019

Who: NBCRC

#### What: Training Citizenship Rights to Pupils in Tabriz

Why: The necessity of training citizenship rights to pupils and learning then with some courses of the citizenship rights.

How: In an innovative measure, the Municipality of Tabriz has prepared citizenship rights booklets for all students in different grades. This program has been piloted in some schools last year (2018); the program (i.e. teaching these booklets) will be extended to all schools in Tabriz this year (2019).

When: Since late September 2019

Who: NBCRC, Municipality of Tabriz, Provincial Department of Education in Tabriz

#### What: Child Rights Summer School

Why: In line with promotion of child rights across Iran, the NBCRCR has signed a memorandum of understanding with Iranian Bar Associations Union in order to hold OChild Rights School' for lawyers with purpose of exchanging viewpoints and updated information about nation and international developments. Members of the Provincial Bar Associations engaging in the child affairs are among the target group of this school.

How: It is intended to hold a three-day summer school with the assistance of the Iranian Bar Association Union.

When: September 2019

Who: NBCRCR, Iranian Bar Association Union

















