**Annex III**

**Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of the Child**

**(Please respect the specified amount of lines when filling out this form and**

**return it electronically in word format to crc@ohchr.org )**

Family name and first name: Chophel Rinchen Dr.

Date and place of birth: 24 March 1960/Bumthang, Bhutan

Place of residence: Thimphu, Bhutan

Nationality: Bhutanese

Email address:

United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function:

*Current Position: Director General, SAIEVAC (South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children), The SAARC Apex Body for Children*

*As the Chief Executive, responsible for the implementation of SAIEVAC’s vision and mission regionally and nationally; principle contact point to provide necessary support and guidance to the SAIEVAC Mechanisms, which includes Governments, NACGs (CSOs), SACG (UN/INGO Network), Children and all other partners/stakeholders; Foster meaningful partnerships and networking; resource mobilization and development and implementation of an effective monitoring and evaluation strategy.*

Other main professional activities, in particular related to children's rights:

* *Strengthening the SAIEVAC movement within the framework of the 8 SAARC countries by fostering national and regional cooperation and partnerships;*
* *Implementing SAIEVAC’s five thematic areas (commonest forms of VaC in South Asia) i.e child marriage, corporal punishment, child labour, child sexual abuse and exploitation and trafficking by developing regional actions and strategies with mainstreaming of CRC concluding observations as an important strategic mission;*
* *Ongoing efforts to create and implement a SAIEVAC Management Information System that can support a dynamic movement;*
* *Promoting/institutionalizing Child Participation in the SAIEVAC movement with clear policy instruments*
* *Driving a vibrant CSO Movement ( NACGs) to strengthen the National and Regional Actions*

Educational background:

* *Medical Doctor with specialized training in public health, STIs, Health Education.*
* *Masters in Business Administration (Human Resource Management)*
* *Masters in Human Rights with special focus on children's rights*
* *Intensive Course on Human Rights Instruments with major focus on CRC and CEDAW Reporting*

Relevant expertise on children’s rights

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and related experience: (5 lines maximum)

* *For Bhutan - Drafting of national reports and presentation of CRC Reports to the Committee (2000 & 2004); Creating national institutions - National commission for Women and Children, Women and Child Protection Units, promoting child friendly Judicial and law enforcement procedures, and drafting of legal instruments– Child Care and protection Act;*
* *South Asia Region - founding member, chief architect and executive of the SAIEVAC Movement*

List of most recent publications in the field of children's rights:

* *Legal Review on Strengthening Responses on Missing Children with Focus on Victim Protection for Child Survivors of Cross Border Trafficking – 2016*
* *India Leads South Asia with its rapid decline in Child Marriages – 1st August 2019 on social story with Neha Chauhan*
* *Member of the Leadership Team for Child Rights on Geoman Bind HTO, a prominent Research Organisation -2017*