Background

World Congress III

Process that seeks to further the effective guarantee of child rights

Preparatory Activities

• Thematic meetings to focus on the five specific topics of the Congress
• Regional consultations to capture specific experience from regions around the world
• Children’s Forums
Global efforts to guarantee of the right to protection from sexual exploitation under the law: 2001-2008 panorama

Emergent achievements:

• Strengthened international legal framework

• More regional instruments
  ▫ I.E. South Asia, East Asia, Latin America

• A variety of national level legislative reforms
The challenges to the guarantee of the right to protection from sexual exploitation under the law: 2001-2008 panorama

- **Emergent gaps:**
  - inadequacy of implementation of the law
  - Failure in restitution of the rights of child victims of sexual exploitation
Key Recommendations – Theme 2

- Address gaps in national laws
  - Incomplete definitions of CSEC offences
  - Internal trafficking not covered
  - Criminalization of children
  - Conflicting definitions of a child, age of consent
  - Ensure compensation and recovery
  - Unequal protection for boys and girls
- Develop a database of offenders
- Enhance cross border and joint investigations
South Asia Children’s Forum
Key Recommendations

- Enact law against child pornography, child sex tourism and child marriage, ensure effective implementation and include children and youth in raising awareness on these issues

- Enact and implement legislation and take strict legal action prohibiting child marriage

- Ensure birth and marriage registration so that children can be protected from early and forced marriages and from trafficking

- Child pornography and vulgarity should be prohibited from television and movies
Children's Preparatory Forum
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Child Trafficking: victim identification, protection and repatriation
- Ratify Palermo Protocol and harmonise full range of national laws by 2013
- Adapt and implement guidelines on identification and protection of child trafficked victims
- Special procedures for return of child victims

Sexual exploitation in travel and tourism
- Extraterritorial law and increased use of OPSC
- Child sex offenders registries and information sharing

New technologies and child abuse imagery
- Criminalise all forms of child pornography by 2011
- Ratify OPSC
- Training of professionals
- Blocking/Filtering services
- Internet café regulation
EAP Children’s Forum

Key Recommendations

There should be an EAP unified law/policy on CSEC and an agency to oversee that laws and policies are implemented at national and regional level

Strengthen police capacity to receive accurate information, investigate tourists’ background and link offenders to the wider network

Put systems in place to control and manage different media (print, electronic, internet and cell phones) that use and show pornography including regulating cyber cafes

Policymakers should ensure that laws protect both boys and girls
Key Recommendations

Laws to cover all dimensions of Sexual Exploitation of Children

• Corporate Social Responsibility and Private Sector efforts to be more widely and systematically promoted

• Application and enforcement of law to address impunity

• Strengthen legal measures to address demand

• Regional Cooperation
Key discussions – Theme 2

- In depth study of customary law practice to use its protective dimension and address in law its impediments to protection of children against sexual exploitation
- Strengthen and integrate traditional practices that work to protect children from sexual exploitation into institutional systems
- Ensure universal birth registration
- Extend legal responsibility for reporting and addressing sexual abuse and exploitation in schools
- Targeted procedures for application of the law in conflict and post conflict situations to guarantee protection against sexual exploitation and violence
Key Recommendations

• Harmonise national legislation with international instruments – and increase penalties
• Strengthen child pornography laws and criminalise accessing and viewing
• Increase the use of extraterritorial law
• Establish mechanisms for monitoring sex offenders
• Prioritise victim identification
• Increase engagement and responsibility of ISP, mobile phone and financial institutions in combating sexual exploitation of children
Thank you