

**“South Asia Women's Peace Charter”**

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We recognize that peace is a journey and the process is as important as the ultimate destination. Creating awareness and sensitization about the destructive and negative impacts on the lives of all sectors of society but especially on the Women and Children, affecting and impacting on every aspect of life including health, security of the human person, education, housing, environment and the complete erosion of law and order, which is the bedrock of a civilized society. Reconstruction, reintegration and reconciliation of the different factions in a war, the mental, physical and emotional healing of men women and children, who are affected in diverse ways, are all cogent and intrinsic matters that have to be at the core of any process that delivers peace. We wish to encourage the inclusion of special awareness and sensitivity to the unique impact that war and conflict has on those vulnerable sectors of persons who are systemically discriminated, and marginalized like the women, children, disabled and those displaced by war who suffer in diverse and distinct ways. To include in the process the establishment of transitional governance and transitional Justice that is inclusive and representational of all those who are pivotal for a platform of peace.

We strive:

1. To create awareness about the direct and indirect effects of the war on people, by facilitating the victims to express themselves, through support groups, through media and electronic communications.
2. To create awareness and sensitivity by incorporating it into educational curriculum's at all levels including the arts.
3. To draft and propose a “Social Peace Charter of the SAARC”
4. To effectively implement the UN Resolution 1325.
5. To obtain the commitment of Governments to allocate resources in a way that prioritizes the rebuilding of the environment, education, housing and health of women, men and children. To nation building rather than war and defense objectives.
6. To establish National Peace Councils which focus on rebuilding in a holistic manner and is inclusive and representational of all the regions of the SA ARC and also includes all sectors like environment health, housing, education and the arts and crafts.
7. To establish psycho-social and economic support groups for victims of war
8. To publish through print and electronic media an annual report on the facts, - (website, face book, twitter and other social media?) stories of those who are voiceless and marginalized observations, monitoring and recommendations about war and peacekeeping.