



RESOLUTION ON NEPAL

The Fourth World Congress of Education International, meeting in Porto Alegre, Brazil from July 22-26 2004

1. **Shares** the pain and suffering of Nepali teachers in particular and Nepali nationals in general who are caught in barbaric killings including 150 teachers.
2. **Condemns** Maoists for their medieval barbarism of maiming and brutally beating teachers and ordinary people with stones and hammers.
3. **Expresses grave concerns** that large number of school children and teachers are abducted and forcefully recruited to the Maoist Army, many of whom become soft targets during gun battles.
4. **Denounces** the state of terrorism of teachers in most parts of the kingdom who are forced to work and live in a stateless situation under most inhuman and brutal conditions of life including attacks, torture, kidnappings, extortions and forced displacement and seizure of property.
5. **Is concerned that** the insurgency caused Nepal a loss of 882 million US\$ in GDP and the destruction of physical property equivalent to 240 million US\$. Similarly 700 schools are closed, 3,000 teachers are displaced and among common people the number of displaced people has reached up to 200,000.
6. **Believes** that peace, progress and prosperity among people in a nation or across nations comes as a result of hard policy work through liberal democratic transformation of societies.
7. **Regrets** to know that armed forces also are involved in sub judicial dealings and killings of both innocent civilians and Maoists.

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8. **Urges** Maoists to follow the minimum level of established revolutionary practices.
9. **Urges and appeals** His Majesty's Government of Nepal to take effective measures to protect the lives of teachers and common people with ensured dignity and honor of their life as enshrined in International Human Rights Declaration.
10. **Insists and appeals** Nepalese teachers not to be engaged in any of the activities of warring parties but to abide by EI Declaration on Professional Ethics and make their total efforts in building and promoting a culture of peace in Nepali society with respect to the principles of Human Rights.
11. **Cautions** His Majesty's Government of Nepal that failure in making armed forces accountable and with impunity for their ruthless behaviour helps terrorism grow to a larger scale.
12. **Understands** that democracy, legitimacy of governance, upholding political pluralism, building local to global order of peace, justice and development through effective instruments can best help Nepal realize that they are an equal part of global human society.
13. **Appeals** Nepali people of all political beliefs prove their democratic commitment and practices to develop an accountable and transparent legal framework.
14. **Requests** to His Majesty the King, His Majesty's Government of Nepal, Nepalese political parties, and civil society groups to organise free and fair election and build effective democracy which could save and protect Nepali people from all sorts of economic and political catastrophes and to promote social dialogue, and honour its outcome.