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Role of National Human Rights Commission in Protecting and Promoting Children’s Rights

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ABSTRACT

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) plays a vital role in protecting and promoting children’s rights by addressing violations and ensuring their welfare. As an independent statutory body, the NHRC monitors and investigates cases of child abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and neglect, making recommendations for corrective action to the government and relevant authorities. It works to uphold the rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India and international conventions such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which India has ratified. The NHRC emphasizes issues like child labor, child marriage, and access to education and healthcare, advocating for policies and reforms that prioritize the best interests of children. The Commission actively collaborates with various stakeholders, including government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and civil society, to create awareness about children’s rights and the need for their protection. It also undertakes training programs and initiatives aimed at law enforcement and judiciary personnel to ensure a child-friendly legal framework. Through its advisory and recommendatory powers, the NHRC influences policy changes and legal reforms to strengthen mechanisms for child protection. By addressing systemic issues and individual cases, the NHRC plays a crucial role in ensuring a safe and supportive environment where children can grow and thrive.