Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) UNOG-OHCHR CH-1211 Geneva 10 (Switzerland)

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Endorsement and Substantiation of Nepal Intersex NGO Report (CRC 72)

Dear Task Force for Nepal

The international Intersex Human Rights NGO StopIGM.org would like to **fully endorse the recommendations** in the Intersex NGO Report on Nepal by Blue Diamond Society / Esan Regmi and Parsu Ram Rai.

While some of the human rights violations which the report's recommendations strive to remedy are not substantiated within the report itself, our own research found **all the relevant human rights violations substantiated**, particularly

- Intersex Genital Mutilations as a "growing practice in Nepal" regularly perpetrated in various children's clinics in Nepal
- Denial of Needed Health Care for intersex children and adolescents, compounding their suffering²
- Bullying and Isolation of intersex children in everyday life and particularly in school, to the point of children forced to not finish school³

It is our hope that the Committee will **address this issues with the Nepali delegation** and **include relevant recommendations** in the Concluding Observations.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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¹ http://stop.genitalmutilation.org/post/Intersex-Genital-Mutilations-in-Nepali-Hospitals-Pt-2

² http://stop.genitalmutilation.org/post/Denial-of-Needed-Health-Care-Intersex-in-Nepal-Pt-3

^{3 &}lt;u>http://stop.genitalmutilation.org/post/Stigma-and-Bullying-Intersex-in-Nepal-Pt-4</u>