

# **Charter of**

# National Action & Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India (NACG EVAC India)

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### Charter of National Action & Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India

#### Preamble:

National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India (NACG EVAC India) is a country-level civil society forum of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) with a vision that all children irrespective of gender, throughout South Asia enjoy their right to an environment free from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect and discrimination.

The NACG are constituted by child rights organizations including entities that promote children's rights and have a crucial role in coordinating the EVAC agenda of SAIEVAC at the national level, particularly with the SAIEVAC government mechanisms.

Considering that every child has the right to measures that protect children from violence, on the part of his or her family, society, and the State;

Observing that the violence against children, particularly trafficking, child marriage, child labour, sexual abuse and exploitation, and corporal punishment are destructive to children's health and psycho-social development;

Observing that violence against children has grown to worrying proportions at both national and international levels, preventing and combating violence against children requires international and regional cooperation;

Considering that the well-being and best interests of children are fundamental values shared by all Members & partners and must be promoted without any discrimination;

Bearing in mind, the SAARC Social Charter, the SAARC Convention on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution, and the SAARC Convention on Regional Arrangements for the Promotion of Child Welfare in South Asia, and the Colombo Statement on Children of South Asia;

Bearing in mind the Constitution of India Article 39(e) that the health and strength ofworkers, men and women, and the tender age of children are not abused and that citizens are not forced by economic necessity to enter a vocations unsuited to their age or strength; & Article 39 (f) that children are given opportunities and facilities to develop in a healthy manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity and that childhood and youth are protected against exploitation and moral and material abandonment & other relevant constitutional rights, laws of land, policies & programs;

Also bearing in mind the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, as well as the International Labour Organization Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour; and taking due account of other relevant international instruments and programs in this field, Determined to contribute effectively to the common goal of protecting children against violence, whoever the perpetrator may be, and providing assistance to victims;

Taking into account the need to ensure a country-level civil society platform focusing on all aspects of interventions against all forms of violence against children.

#### The National Board has agreed as follows:

#### Chapter I: Purposes, Principles & Definition

#### The purposes:

- i. To ensure the realization of children's rights as stated in the UNCRC and its Optional Protocols and the relevant SAARC Conventions.
- ii. To take forward the SAIEVAC agenda in India for ending violence againstchildren.
- iii. To prevent and respond to all forms of neglect, abuse, exploitation, and violenceagainst children in all settings

#### Principle:

The four core **principles** of NACG EVACINDIA are non-discrimination; devotion to the best interests of the child; the right to dignified life, survival, and development; and respect for the views of the child.

#### Definitions:

- i. A child shall mean any person under the age of 18 years and will include adolescents in its mandate.
- ii. In line with Article 19 of the UNCRC, "violence" is defined as including all forms of physical or mental violence, injury and abuse, neglect and negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse. This definition covers the exposure of children to violence in the home, communities, schools, institutions, workplaces, and in development and emergency settings. violence is understood to occur not only between adults and children but also between children.
- iii. Violence shall be used as a general term encompassing all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- iv. Gender aspects of violence will be addressed as part of the integrated approach and due account will be taken of the different risks boys and girls face in respect of violence and of the different consequences of violence for girls and boys.
- v. NACG EVAC India means National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India
- vi. NACG means NACG EVAC India.
- vii. Member means- Life Member, Annual Member, Associate Member of NACG EVAC India
- viii. National Board National Board means General body of NACG EVAC India which is a representative form of body, duly elected by the Members through the state-level election process.
- ix. National Executive Committee means National Executive Committee of NACG EVAC India.
- x. Chairperson Means Chairperson of NACG EVAC India.
- xi. Vice-Chairperson Means Vice Chairperson of NACG EVAC India.
- xii. Treasurer Means Treasurer of NACG EVAC India.
- xiii. National Coordinator means Coordinator of the NACG EVAC India

#### Chapter II: Objective(s)

- I. To promote and work towards the realization of children's rights in India.
- II. To prevent and respond to all forms of neglect, abuse, exploitation & violence against children in all settings.
- III. To strengthen civil society networking at all levels across the country for building national awareness & commitment to stop child marriage child labour, child trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation & corporal punishment, promoting an inclusive environment by addressing issues of children with disability and facilitation of participation of children.
- IV. To seek & form linkages with Government, institutions and professional bodies to make child safety a public concern and commitment, &constructively engage with government policies & measures.
- V. To stand up for a rights-based approach to anticipating, preventing and eliminating violence against children.
- VI. To promote strong policies, laws, & programmes for the good of children and monitor their actual benefits to children.
- VII. To be a country forum for collective learning and sharing, advocacy & action.

#### Chapter III: Membership

- a) Any organization/Institution /Alliance/Network /Federation/ individual working for the cause of & on the issues/wellbeing of children / child rights /ending violence against children in India can become a member of the National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India (NACG EVACINDIA – EVAC India) as per the norms mentioned below. Each organization will be represented by one of its representatives.
- b) Admission: Any registered civil society Organization / Institution/ Association/ Network/Trust/Company of a charitable nature that works on children's issues, has a Darpan ID, willing to work and abide by the vision, mission, and Charter of NACG EVAC India and willing to contribute time, resources, assistance, participation etc, shall apply to the Chairperson of the Society in a prescribed form. The membership application shall be placed before the National Executive Committee for approval after due scrutiny by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson or any other office bearer or authorized committee or recommendation by the Executive Committee of the respective State. Admission to the membership of NACG- EVAC, India will be subject to the acceptance of the National Executive Committee and the decision of theNational Executive Committee in this regard is final.
- c) **Register of members:** A register of members shall be maintained and kept open for inspection on requisition by the members during office hours on working days.
- d) Cessation of membership:
  - i. Any member if withdraws/resigns from the NACG EVAC India by giving notice to the Chairperson
  - ii. When the National Executive Committee may at its discretion, remove any member from membership for acting against the aims and objects of the society or doing such things detrimental to the interest of NACG EVAC, India.

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iii. he/ she is convicted by the Court of Law of any criminal and culpable offenses and offenses in connection with the formation, promotion, management or conduct of affairs of a society or a corporate body of any offenses involving moral turpitude.

#### e) Roles and Responsibilities of NACG EVAC India Members

- i. Advocate and promote the Rights of all children, especially the most vulnerable children.
- ii. Spread awareness on Child Rights and Protection of children against all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation.
- iii. Fact finding of violence issues affecting children in each area.
- iv. Making opinion leaders aware of these facts.
- v. Being part of both Local, State & National efforts to end violence against children.
- vi. Identifying various organizations and individuals working on the core thematic areas.
- vii. Generating and sharing o resources like information, funds, facilities and skills.
- viii. Ensuring Diversification of Membership.
- ix. Improving the State's knowledge base on children and their safety.
- x. Encouraging the engagement of children in these processes.
- xi. Seeking and promoting ideas and potential for changing the existing situation.
- xii. Monitoring of effective implementation of Child Rights & Protection policies, laws, and services quality relevant for the respective state.
- xiii. Promoting time targets for change.
- xiv. Promoting motivation by constantly reminding of the issues.
- xv. Share information and reports on various program initiatives and measures undertaken, and good practices by respective members/organizations.

#### **Chapter IV: Child Protection Commitment**

NACG EVAC India is committed to preventing Children from abuse, exploitation, and violence. NACG EVAC India aims to translate this commitment to children's rights into a practical reality through its work with children. Through its emphasis on prevention, NACG EVAC Indiaaims to minimize the risks of children being abused within the organization. It is also possible that, on occasions, staff and others engaged by NACG EVACINDIA or its Members or Partners to work with children may pose a risk to children and abuse their position of trust. Membership to NACG EVACINDIA demands the highest standards of practice in working with children, promoting a safe, secure & caring environment for children & minimizing the risk of child abuse, exploitation & violence within the organization.

#### **Chapter V: Issue-Based Action - Thematic Priorities**

NACG EVAC India shall take appropriate action and work to end all types of violence against children in all settings. However, the thematic focus areas of NACG EVAC India are as follows: **Critical Thematic issues:** 

- Child Marriage
- Child Trafficking
- <u>Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation</u>

- Corporal Punishment
- Child Labour

#### Cross-cutting issues:

- Children with Disability
- Child Participation

#### **Chapter VI: Governance**

The following shall be the Authorities of the NACG EVAC India.

- i. National Board
- ii. National Executive Committee

#### National Board (General Body) The National Board is the General Body of NACG EVAC India

#### Composition of the General Body/National Board:

The General Body/ National Board shall consist of:

- i. Three duly elected representatives by the State Chapter of NACG EVACINDIA-EVAC India including the Convener of the State Chapter.
- ii. If the elected members are not available to attend the Annual General Body Meeting, the Executive Committee of the State Chapter of NACG EVAC India can send substitutes for the elected State representative till the next AGBM.
- iii. The outgoing National Chairperson & the former National Chairperson/s.
- iv. The National Board Members representing regional platforms during the approval of this charter shall continue as the National Board Members still the next elections.

#### Functions of National Board/General Body:

(i)-There shall be an Annual General Body Meeting/Annual Meeting of the National Board of NACG EVAC India convened with 30 clear days' written notice. The notice shall contain the date, time, and place of the meeting and shall be accompanied by the proposed agenda.

(ii)- The Annual General Body/National Board Meeting shall be held annually and not more than 15 months shall elapse between two successive Annual General Body /national Board Meetings.

#### (iii)-NACGEVACINDIA at its Annual General Body i.e. National Board Meeting

- i. Receive & approve Annual Report
- ii. Receive & approve Statements of accounts
- iii. Consider the budget for the ensuing year as presented by the National Executive Committee and approve the same with or without modification.
- iv. Determine the date, time, and place of the next Annual General Body /National Board Meeting.
- v. Elect the National Executive Committee Members and Office Bearers every three year
- vi. Carry out any other business that may be brought before it within the scope of the Aims and objectives of NACG EVAC INDIA with the permission of the Chairperson.

#### Special General Body/National Board

A special Meeting of the General Body /National Board may be held by a resolution of the National Executive Committee or at a call, signed by not less than one-third of the members qualified to vote. Such a call shall be made not less than 15 days in advance of the date on which the meeting is called. The call-in writing shall be accompanied by the proposed agenda.

#### Quorum

One-third of the Members qualified to vote shall be the quorum of the General Body/National Board meeting for any purpose.

#### **Adjourned Meeting**

If within thirty minutes of the time appointed for a meeting; sufficient numbers of members are not present to form a quorum, then the Chairperson shall adjourn the meeting. After a further period of 1 hour, the Chairperson shall convene the adjourned meeting which then shall proceed with the business for which the meeting had been called, but only such items as have been on the circulated proposed agenda can be dealt with. There shall be no items "With the permission of the Chair". Any resolutions passed in such a meeting shall be circulated for ratification by mail. Members who do not reply within 15 days from the date of posting shall be presumed to have accepted the resolution as passed. If during the adjourned Meeting more members arrive, so that a quorum of voting members is present, then the Chairperson shall close the adjourned meeting and convene the regular meeting which then is empowered to consider a business with the permission of the Chairperson. General rules for the passing of resolutions shall apply.

#### Election procedure:

## For the Election of office-bearers and members of the National Executive Committee following procedures shall be adopted:

- I. Organisation /Institution having general/life membership of NACG EVAC India and having voting Rights shall nominate one representative to attend the General Body meeting called for election purposes.
- II. Associate Members are not eligible for voting or contesting.
- III. One person shall represent only one organization/institution/network/alliance.
- IV. The member organization desirous to contest in the election shall only be represented by the Chief functionary/ Chief Executive/office bearer/Senior functionary. In the case of a representative excluding the Chief functionary, the person has to be certified by the organization's Chief functionary on its letterhead.
- V. Any representative of a member organization can only be elected as office bearer or member of the National Executive Committee after attending at least one annual general body /National Board meeting of NACG EVAC INDIA.
- VI. There shall be an Election Officer from among National Board Members, being nominated by the National Board to conduct the election.
- VII. The Election Officer cannot contest himself or herself, not propose/ second any name for the election
  - VIII. After the nomination of the Election Officer, HE/SHE shall take over the General Body /National Board meeting and start the process. The Election officer shall call for the Nomination of the Office Bearers and Members of the National Executive Committee. There shall be one proposer and one seconder for each nomination. After scrutiny of Nominations filled, the Election officer shall declare the final list of candidates and

prepare the ballot paper if necessary. The voting may be a secret ballot, if necessary. The Election Officer may take the support of not more than 2 National Board members and officials if any subject to the requirement to conduct the election.

IX. In case of a tie in the Election, the Officer shall act as per the mostly accepted democraticprocedure

#### **National Executive Committee**

- I. The affairs of the NACG EVAC India shall be directed, administered, and managed by the National Executive Committee subject to the overall control of the National Board.
- II. The National Executive Committee shall comprise not more than 11 members selected at the Annual General Body/National Board Meeting called for that purpose including its Office Bearers i.e. Chairperson (1), Vice Chairperson (2), Treasurer (1) Thematic Heads [7] excluding ex-officio members and nominated members.
- III. The outgoing Chairperson & former Chairpersons shall be ex-officio Members.
- IV. A National Coordinator may be appointed by the National Executive Committee to look into the day-to-day affairs of NACG EVAC India and, being an employee, shall be an Exofficio member of the National Executive Committee without voting rights.
- V. The elected National Executive Committee may nominate two experts on child rights from amongst the Members of NACG EVAC India and the nominated Members shall have no voting Rights.

#### **Meeting of the National Executive Committee**

The National Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year and/ or as often as maybe necessary.

#### The quorum of the National Executive Committee

Two third elected members of the National Executive Committee shall constitute the quorum for the meeting of the National Executive Committee.

#### Terms of office of National Executive Committee Members

- I. The terms of Office of the Members of the National Executive Committee will be 3[three] years.
- II. In the event of any vacancy occurring in the National Executive Committee during its tenure, the National Executive Committee shall have the power to fill in such vacancy for the remaining period from among the National Board.
- III. The terms of office of the National Executive Committee and National Board can be extended for not more than one year under extraordinary circumstances subject to a decision by the National Executive Committee.

#### Cessation of Membership of National Executive Committee

A member of the National Executive Committee shall cease to be a member if:

- Ceases to be a member/ representative of his/ her parent organization/ Institution; His/ Her present organization/Institution ceases to be a member of NACG EVAC India. He/ She ceases to represent NACG EVAC India on behalf of his/her parent organization/Institution.
- ii. She/he resigns by letter addressed to the Chairperson and routed through the Organization he/she represents and accepted by the National Executive Committee.
- iii. She/he is absent for consecutive meetings of the National Executive Committee

without any reasonable ground or intimation to the Chairperson.

- iv. She/he convicted by the Court of Law of any offense in connection with the formation, promotion, management, or conduct of affairs of a society or a body corporate of any offense involving moral turpitude.
- v. She/he becomes physically and/or mentally incapable of discharging his/her function or for any legal conduct is, not in a position to discharge his/her responsibility.

#### Power and Functions of the National Executive Committee

The National Executive Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- A. The National Executive Committee shall have the general supervision and control of the work of NACG EVAC India.
- B. The National Executive Committee is the highest decision-making body in between two National Board meetings.
- C. Subject to the foregoing, the National Executive Committee shall have the full power to do all such acts and things as NACG EVAC India could itself do and which are not here by or by statute expressly directed or required to be done by NACG EVAC India in General Meeting/National Board meeting and in particular the following powers:
  - I. To appoint committees or subcommittee[s] for such purpose and with such powers as may be considered necessary or expedient under the circumstances.
  - II. To delegate power to subcommittee[s], the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer, Members the such of its power for the conduct of its business as it may deem fit, subject to the condition that the action taken by them by these rules shall be reported for the confirmation at the next meeting of the National Executive committee.
  - III. To appoint all categories of employees/staff, to take any sort of disciplinary action, to remove them as and when required from time to time to determine their duties, and Fix their remuneration and to require, if considered necessary security for the proper discharge of such duties.
  - IV. To raise funds for the work of NACG EVAC India through subscriptions, fundraising programs, donations, grants, subsidies, etc. from the Government, and other social and developmental agencies or institutes in India and abroad. Funds thus raised shall be spent solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the object of NACG EVAC India.
  - V. To decide on sending delegate/s to meetings, seminars, trainings, workshops, study tours, etc. both at national and international levels and also to receive such participants or delegates from within the country or abroad.
  - VI. To admit member(s).
  - VII. To enter into arrangements/ agreements with individual/govt./non- government bodies of the Local/National/International level for implementation of the plan of action to achieve its objectives.
  - VIII. The National Executive Committee / the Chairperson shall have the power to invite any member as a special invitee to the National Executive Committee meeting/s. But such invitee(s) shall not have any voting rights.
    - IX. To award and receive fellowships, grants, and prizes.
    - X. To prepare and approve program plans, budget estimates, approve theaccounts of NACG EVAC India.
  - XI. To do such other lawful acts as may be necessary for the furtherance of the aims and objectives of NACG EVAC India.
  - XII. The National Executive Committee shall hold office till the next National Executive

Committee is formed. The National Executive Committee until replaced by the new National Executive Committee shall have the power to incur necessary expenses for running the affairs of NACG EVAC India.

#### Notice for the meeting of the National Executive Committee

**a.** The National Executive Committee Meeting shall be held at least twice a year at the endof June and December every year. The NEC members will meet physically twice a year and virtually at the end of every quarter i.e. March and September. The NEC can also meet more times if required.

**b.** Notice for National Executive Committee Shall be given at least 30 days in advance and such notice may be sent through emails /speed posts.

**c.** Emergency meeting notice may be given 7 days in advance and such notice may be sent through emails /speed posts.

**d.** Requisition meetings may be held on requisition in writing by one-third of members of the National Executive Committee addressed to the chairman. Date and time of such meeting shall be decided by the Chairperson and such meeting shall be called with at least 21 days' notice to all the National Executive Committee members.

#### **Office Bearers**

- i. There will be 4(four) Office Bearers namely one Chairperson, two Vice- Chairperson[s], one Treasurer. Office bearers shall hold office generally for three years or until completion of the tenure of the National Executive Committee.
- ii. The post of Chairperson will be reserved for national/Indian organizations only.
- iii. There may be two posts for the Vice-Chairperson. One post will be reserved for the national /Indian organization, while the other one shall remain open for both national and international organizations.
- iv. There shall be no second term consecutively for elected office-bearers to the same post.

#### Powers & Functions:

#### a. The Chairperson

- I. The Chairperson shall be the head, Chief Functionary, and spokesperson of the NACG EVAC India. He/she shall manage and supervise the day-to-day affairs in consultation with other EC members.
- II. The Chairperson shall preside over all the meetings of NACG EVAC India.
- III. The Chairperson shall have the power of supervision and suggestion and overall control of the affairs of NACG EVAC India.
- IV. The Chairperson in addition to his/ her regular vote shall cast another vote in case of tie. Voting if required by show of hands or by secret ballot as would be decided by the chairperson.
- V. The chairperson shall be responsible for calling and convening the annual meeting of the general body/ National Board, special meetings and meetings of the National Executive Committee, and for recording and circulating the minutes of the proceedings of all such meetings within three (3) weeks of the meetings and also for maintaining the register of the members of NACG EVAC India.
- VI. The Chairperson shall have supervised power for the general administration of NACG EVAC India.
- VII. Shall represent NACG EVAC India in all civil and criminal procedures, and legal

proceedings and to sue or be sued on behalf of NACG EVAC India.

- VIII. Shall be in charge of each record/document and act as the custodian of the asset of NACG EVAC India.
  - IX. Shall coordinate and supervise different activities of NACGEVACINDIA.
  - X. Shall perform such other functions as may be entrusted upon him/her by the National Executive Committee.

#### b. The Vice–Chairperson

- I. In the absence of the Chairperson, one of the Vice-Chairpersons shall preside and shall exercise the power and functions of the Chairperson subject to authorization by the Chairperson in writing. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons, a protempo chairperson shall be chosen by the meeting. In addition to his/her vote, she/he who presides shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie vote.
- II. Shall act as Chairperson in-charge, in the absence of the Chairperson subject to a written letter from the Chairman and in case of resignation of the Chairperson, until the time if/as decided by the National Executive Committee.
- III. One vice–chairperson shall be responsible for resource mobilization & one vicechairperson shall be responsible for program planning & monitoring.
- IV. The Vice-Chairperson shall exercise such power(s) as may be delegated to him/her individually or jointly by the National Executive Committee/Chairperson.

#### c. The Treasurer:

- I. The treasurer shall work in close coordination with the secretariat for managing thefunds
- II. Place the financial position of NACG EVAC India before the National Executive Committee/annual general body/National Board meeting.
- III. Prepare the financial budget of NACG EVAC India and place it before the National Executive Committee/annual general body /National Board meeting. Discharge such other functions about finance matters as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee from time to time.

#### d. Functions of the Other Members

- I. The other members of the National Executive Committee excluding office bearers shall discharge such powers and functions as may be delegated to them individually or jointly by the National Executive Committee.
- II. The Members shall be responsible for thematic priorities of NACG EVAC India, i.e. one Members Hall be head of one thematic area.
- III. No office bearers shall hold the post of thematic head.

#### e. Thematic Head[s]

- i. The prime role of the Thematic Head of NACG EVAC India is to lead, manage and develop the capacity of NACG EVAC India on its thematic priorities & ensure the highest possible standards of excellence in all its activities in the respective thematic areas.
- ii. Promote research, information & knowledge sharing in respective thematic areas
- iii. Conceptualize, lead& support in resource mobilization to implement the concept & monitor the implementation.
- iv. Initiate campaigns on respective thematic areas for broader awareness generation.

#### f. Responsibility of the National Coordinator:

- I. The National Executive Committee may appoint a National Coordinator as and when required and, in such terms, and conditions as decided by the National Executive Committee from time to time. In such case, the National Coordinator shall act as the Chief Executive of NACG EVAC India and shall look after the day-to-day activities of NACG EVAC India administrative matters, responsible for growth & development, a programme in consultation with the Chairperson.
- II. Implementation and effective functioning of NACG EVAC India in consultation with and under the guidance of the Chairperson/ National Executive Committee.
- III. By virtue of the responsibility of the National Coordinator of the organization, she/he will be an ex-officio member of the National Executive Committee.
- IV. Discharge such other duties as may be entrusted to him/her by the National Executive Committee and shall be appointed with such terms and conditions asdecided by the National Executive Committee.

#### **Chapter VII: State Chapters/ District Chapters/ Branches**

a. NACG EVAC INDIA-EVAC, India shall have Action & Coordination Groups at the State & Union Territory level and shall be treated as its State chapters.

b. The Members of the respective states shall come together and form the Groups in consultation with the National Executive Committee/Chairperson of NACG EVAC, India

c. All the Members together of respective state/union territory shall constitute the state Coordination Group.

d. The state coordination Group shall elect the state Executive Committee which shall include one Convener, other office bearers & Members as per the requirement & decision of the State Coordination Group.

e. The State Executive Committee shall enjoy the Powers & Functions in line with the National Executive Committee at the State Level.

f. The state coordination Group shall elect 3 representatives to the National Board.

g. The State Executive Committee shall take forward the objects, programs of NACG EVAC India, in the state & plan programs, and mobilize recourses to achieve the objectives.

#### **Chapter VIII: National Secretariat**

- a) There shall be a National Secretariat to be located at the headquarters of the Chairperson in position with such other setups and facilities as may be required.
- b) The National Secretariat shall coordinate among all the state units, programmes, campaigns & other activities of NACG EVAC India. The National Secretariat shall be responsible for Fund Management in close coordination with the Treasurer.
- c) The Host Member Organization of the National Secretariat must have registration under the land of laws applicable, including the FCR Act, 12 A of IT Act, & must have a Child Protection Policy.
- d) The host Member organization of the National Secretariat shall receive funds on behalf of NACG EVAC India, maintain books of accounts, and audit the accounts.
- e) There may be a National Coordinator appointed by the National Executive Committee to be located at the National Secretariat.

f) IncasetheNationalSecretariatislocatedataplaceotherthantheNationalheadquarter i.e. New Delhi, a separate office may be set up at New Delhi, subject to the decision of the National Executive Committee, to deal with the advocacy & coordination with the Union Government & other SAIEVAC mechanism in the country & as may be assigned by theExecutive Committee/Chairperson. This office may be independent or attached to one of the Member organizations of NACG EVAC India –EVAC Indialocated in New Delhi. In such case, support staff may be recruited for the Delhi office as per requirement& shall work in close coordination with the National Secretariat.

#### **Chapter IX: Amendments**

This Charter may be altered or amended by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the members present at any regular or special Annual General Body Meeting / National Board of NACG EVAC India, provided previous intimation of such alteration/amendments has been given to the members by the notice, convening the meeting 30(Thirty)days in advance.

#### **Chapter X: Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **Financial Year**

The financial year of NACG EVAC India shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March of each calendar year.

#### **Funds of NACGEVAC India**

The funds of NACG EVAC India shall consist of the following:

- I. Subscription from the members.
- II. Donations/Grants/Contributions made by individuals, Government and Non-Government bodies, foundations of local, national, and international levels, Bilateral agencies, United Nations Agencies
- III. Contributions including gifts, donations, beneficiations, quests, or other transfers.

#### Audit

The accounts of NACG EVAC India shall be audited annually well before the Annual General Body /National Board Meeting by the Chartered Accountant, Reputed firm of Chartered Accountants/Auditors appointed by the National Secretariat host Agency.

#### Dissolution

The decision regarding the dissolution of NACG EVAC India can only be taken only by a special General Body /National Board Meeting and shall be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifth of the members.



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