

Declaration of Jerusalem 2001:

The conference endorses the principles of the U.N Convention of Children's Rights 1989. The conference recognizes children's rights as inherent and inalienable, reflective of children being full members of the human community.

Rights should be accorded to all children equally, taking into consideration their evolving capacity.

Educating children to exercise their rights is the heart of the process. Participation from an early age, according to their evolving capacity, will prepare children to participate responsibly in the democratic process.

Children's rights should not conflict with the norms pertaining to families. This requires a change in our perception of the status of the children and parents within both the family and the community.

In order for parents to realize their duties and rights to raise their children in the spirit of the Convention, State support is needed in the form of resource allocation and legislation.

States have the duty and the responsibility to create optimal conditions for the development of both children's capacity to exercise their rights and parent's ability to fulfill their duties.

We believe that as nations invest more in education, integrating all agencies that deal with children, while enlisting the most advanced professional knowledge, they will decrease the need to develop programs to correct damage and abuse. Children's rights will then be widely recognized because realized throughout childhood. Children will develop into responsible adults with an inherent sense of human rights.

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