DEVELOPMENT

TO INVESTIGATE AND ADDRESS
human rights violations promptly
and impartially. (Article 9.5)

To ensure that NATIONAL LAWS
AND STATE AUTHORITIES PROTECT
the peaceful work of HRDs. (Article 12.3, Article 12.2)

TO SPREAD AWARENESS AND
UNDERSTANDING of human rights,
and ensure access to information
on human rights. (Article 14.1 and 14.2)

To make human rights a PART OF
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS. (Article 15)

To ensure that there is an
INSTITUTION THAT PROTECTS
HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE NATIONAL
LEVEL. (Article 14.3)

To PROVIDE SUPPORT to national
institutions defending human
rights. (Article 14.3)

The need to support and protect
HRDs is now reflected in the
national laws of some Asian
countries. Discussions on
ENACTING A LAW, specifically to
ensure HRDs’ protection have
also begun in a few countries.

In 2004, UN Member States
adopted the resolution on the
‘WORLD PROGRAMME FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS EDUCATION’, which
encourages states to incorporate
human rights education in all
sectors of society. Some states
have established NATIONAL
ACTION PLANS to fulfil this
objective.

Independent NATIONAL HUMAN
RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS, responsible
for monitoring, protecting and
promoting human rights in the
country, have been established
in several Asian countries.

FORUM-ASIA recognises the need to address the on-going violations against and criminalisation of HRDs, who play a key role in ensuring that everyone’s human rights are protected and fulfilled. To this end, on the 20th year anniversary of the Declaration on HRDs, FORUM-ASIA is producing visual materials that emphasise the importance of HRDs and their contributions, the rights they have, and the responsibilities of others towards HRDs, under the Declaration.