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## UN Resolution on Ending Child Marriages

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### **Ending Child Marriages in Pakistan and Creating Child Marriage Free Zones with HANDS and the AACM - in Collaboration with a World At School (AWAS) and Global Business Coalition (GBC) for Education**

This is historic indeed <http://goo.gl/Pvo8XZ>

The United Nations agreed on Friday Nov 21, 2014 that all members should pass and enforce laws banning child marriages, resolving to end a practice that affects about 15 million girls every year.

The committee of the 193-nation General Assembly that deals with human rights adopted by consensus a resolution urging all states to take steps to end "child, early and forced marriage."..

Child marriage among girls is most common in south Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. In Niger in West Africa, which has the highest overall rate, 77 percent of women between 20 and 49 were married before the age of 18.

Pakistan has 40% girls marrying under the age of 18 -the worst forms of violence against children .. the Alliance Against Child Marriages (AACM) is a coalition working to combat this violence . upgrading laws, pushing towards making of rules for the Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act 2013 for implementation and setting up Child Marriage Free Zones in Pakistan If Right to Education 25A was to be implemented which is stalled since 2010 and 2012 then all children aged 5-16 would be entitled fundamentally to be in school- a place of learning and mitigate the bane of child marriages. This needs to be expedited with 3 provinces and ICT having passed the acts for 25 A (ICT, Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab) but KP has still to finalize the bill in their province. FATA/GB and AJK remain out of the 25A loop to date

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Congratulations and well done Girls not Brides for all the efforts at all levels.. making this into a social movement indeed.

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