

On February 26, 2005, The ACOSA Board and ACOSA members at the annual board and membership meetings in New York voted unanimously to “endorse, in the context of the Declaration of Human Rights and the other conventions noted in the Affirmation”, the following statement. The International Association of Schools of Social Work (<http://www.iassw.soton.ac.uk/>) adopted this statement at the Global Social Work Congress in Australia, October 10, 2004:

IASSW AFFIRMATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- The International Association of Schools of Social Work strongly affirms the principles and substance of the Geneva Convention, the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and all other human rights treaties. We condemn any attempts to circumvent or violate these United Nations conventions.
- We oppose, inter alia, the ongoing detention of people without due process, and extra-legal actions taken against alleged terrorists in lieu of being charged and tried in accordance with the rule of law. Those detained should not be subject to humiliation, abuse and torture by democratic and non-democratic governments. The world’s social work educators are seriously concerned about the acceptance of such violations of human rights in any country.
- The International Association of Schools of Social Work calls on our professional colleagues and organizations to disseminate this Affirmation of Human Rights and take relevant action at local, regional, national and international levels.