



## POSITION PAPER



Committee : United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

Agenda : Safeguarding Human Rights During the Development of Emerging Nations

Country : Armenia

### **Topic Background**

The rapid development of countries in the world certainly has a positive and negative impact especially in terms of a person's rights, both basic and derivative. Therefore, the community is required to know and be able to maintain and implement their rights. There are so many people who doesn't know about their rights including the obligations that must be carried out, many people still neglected their rights as human beings. There are so many problems and violations of human rights and each country still has to revitalize the paradigm of human rights itself because most people in general, there are still very lack understanding, knowledge, and awareness of human rights that will later lead to human rights violations. Human rights are a local problem as well as a global problem, which is impossible ignored under any pretext. The existence of human rights leads to the consequence of the existence of human obligations, where both run in parallel and are an inseparable unit.

### **Country's Backgorund**

The Council of Europe Action plan for Armenia 2019-2022 is a strategic programming instrument that aims to bring Armenia's legislation, institutions and practice further into line with European standarts in the areas of human rights, the rule of law and democracy. The Council od Europe and Armenia have agreed to continue cooperation programs, reforms aimed at increasing independence, transparency, and efficiency judiciary to harmonize the application of European Human Rights Standarts, to enhance the protection of human rights in the armed forces and the right of detainees to health care, to combat ill-treatment and impunity in

detention centers, to support police reform and the implementation of criminal justice reform, to reduce abuse of pre-trial detention and to increase the use of probation services. Emphasis will also be placed on fight discrimination on all grounds, protect minority rights, protect personal data, and improve media freedom, journalist security, and internet governance. It has also been agreed to fight violence against women and children, to promote gender equality, the rights of children and patients, and economic, social and labor rights, and to strengthen local governance and youth policies. Parties across the political spectrum have committed to advancing the consolidation of democracy in the interests of the Armenian people.

### **International Past Actions**

The constitution which has amended in December 2015, improves the legal and institutional framework for protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including by expanding the scope and definition of human rights according to European standards. But there is still a need to strengthen national capacity to undertake and implement reforms. This requires, among other things, ensuring consistency application of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) by national courts more improve protection of human rights and gender equality in the armed forces, improve prevention and fight against ill-treatment and torture, make use of pre-trial detention only in accordance with the ECHR, ensure relevant protection of human rights in criminal laws and criminal procedures, prevent and combat discrimination, gender based violence and child sexual abuse and exploitation, and protect human rights in biomedical field. In line with the principles of the Brussels Declaration (2015), The Council of Europe has helped national authority in applying European standards at the national level through its support to the Courts Cassation, thus plays a central role in ensuring the coherent and consistent implementation of the ECHR and ECtHR case law, and for the Academy of Justice. Despite the progress made, the ECHR and ECtHR.

### **Possible Solutions:**

The Delegate of Armenia would like to propose solution to be hopefully added to the draft resolution of the conference as the delegate believes that these will surely benefit to the situation to some extent. The solution are as follows:

1. Ensure harmonization implementation of human rights standards;
2. Improve the application of human rights standards in the armed forces;
3. Promote gender equality, ensure equal access to justice and combating violence against women and domestic violence;
4. Ensure an independent, transparent, accountable and efficient judiciary, including by supporting further improvements;
5. Improve information security, access to public information and protection of personal data;
6. Improve integrity and fight corruption in education;
7. Improve the quality of local democracy through the effective implementation of decentralization strategy, strengthening of local government and capacity of national associations of local authorities.

**Sources:**

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