



**VII Meeting of the Eurasian Alliance of Ombudsmen**  
**"Legal education on human rights and freedoms as a**  
**direction of human rights activity"**  
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**Statement by**  
**the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Azerbaijan Republic**  
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Dear Tatiana Nikolaevna, dear participants of the meeting. First of all, I want to thank Tatiana Nikolaevna and the organizers of this event for the invitation to take part in this interesting event, today and tomorrow. This is a good platform for us. For the first time in a long period of time after the situation that our states have faced, an unforeseen situation that we have faced, we will meet firsthand, exchange experience, exchange opinions and improve the work on protecting the rights of our citizens and not only citizens.

We have carried out extensive activities in this direction and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Tatiana Nikolaevna, for the help and support you provided during the pandemic to protect the rights of Azerbaijani citizens who faced certain problems on the territory of the Russian Federation. In turn, we also promptly respond to all appeals sent by you, as well as a number of other regional ombudsmen for the protection of the rights and interests of citizens of the Russian Federation located on the territory of Azerbaijan.

Effective protection of human rights and freedoms in the Eurasian space, ensuring security, compliance with the norms and principles of international humanitarian law are among the most urgent and key tasks facing us at present. Undoubtedly, the roles of the Ombudsman institution and NHRIs, which are considered the most important mechanisms for the protection of human rights, are very important in this implementation. From this point of view, it is of great importance that the exchange of ideas at today's conference in the direction of solving existing problems in the field of human rights in the Eurasian region is carried out with the participation of these institutions.

The Ombudsman Institute of Azerbaijan, which celebrated its twentieth anniversary this year, also accredited as a national institute for human rights, effectively cooperates with relevant international human rights organizations. On our part, parallel reports on various areas of human rights are submitted to the UN treaty bodies, active participation is being taken in the cycles of the universal periodic review, large-scale activities are being carried out to raise awareness of the country's population in the field of protection of human rights and freedoms, especially the rights of its vulnerable strata.

In order to ensure the process of citizens' appeals to the Ombudsman, a call center is functioning, which receives appeals around the clock, and opportunities for online appeals have been created, which has become particularly relevant during a period of restrictions during the pandemic.

I would also like to note that in order to further improve the activities of the Ombudsman's office, new structural units were created in a short period of time to protect the right to access information, protect the rights of persons with disabilities and children's rights, extensive educational activities were carried out covering all regions of Azerbaijan to raise public awareness in these and other areas, A number of brochures and informative bulletins covering various issues are available in a number of languages. I would like to introduce them, taking this opportunity to have them in your library.

As you know, it is difficult to talk about development where there is no peace and it is difficult to talk about peace where there is no development: these two concepts are closely intertwined. From this point of view, it is necessary to carry out joint purposeful actions by all means to establish peace and tranquility in our region, as well as respect and ensure human rights and freedoms.

In conclusion, taking into account the regulations and the possibility of covering the activities of our institute more widely tomorrow, I, emphasizing the relevance and importance of today's event, would like to put forward a proposal to continue developing cooperation between the Ombudsman institutions and NHRIs at the international level, holding international conferences and events with the participation of international organizations and civil society institutions, joint discussions on the protection of rights and freedoms a human being for the benefit of all of us, the States we represent.

Thank you for your attention.