



**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) in Turkmenistan**  
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Dear Tatiana Nikolaevna, first of all, I would like to thank you for the invitation to take part in the next meeting of the Eurasian Alliance of Ombudsmen dedicated to such an important topic as legal education on human rights, and of course I will try to highlight what is being done on legal education in the country and in general in the office of the Ombudsman.

On the international stage, Turkmenistan has established itself as a democratic, legal and secular state with a strong legislative foundation, providing broad human and civil rights and freedoms, creating all opportunities for creative activity and a decent life for people.

Turkmenistan, having joined the main international conventions, treaties and agreements in the field of human rights and freedoms, consistently takes steps to implement them into national legislation. At the same time, Turkmenistan continues to study other important international treaties for subsequent accession to them. An example of this is Turkmenistan's accession to the Convention on Combating Discrimination in Education last year.

As for legal education in the field of human rights, the regulation of this work is also legally enshrined in the Law of Turkmenistan on the Ombudsman. One of the main activities is aimed at promoting legal awareness of the population in the field of human rights in the field of national legislation and the most important international human rights documents, as well as participation in the development of educational programs.

According to the relevant article of the same law, in order to promote awareness-raising in the field of human rights and freedoms of forms and methods of their protection, the Ombudsman has the right to disseminate in the media knowledge about human and civil rights and freedoms, methods of their protection and forms of personal participation in the political economic social and cultural life of the State; promotes research aimed at raising public awareness, education in the field of fundamental human rights and freedoms, make proposals to improve the educational process and educational standards in public educational institutions, as well as professional training of civil servants, including lawyers, doctors, employees of places of forced detention and military personnel; also promote initiatives of public associations aimed at recognition, observance and protection of human rights and freedoms. In pursuance of this activity, the Ombudsman and his staff systematically carry out various activities aimed at helping to increase the legal awareness of citizens in the field of human rights.

On the basis of the approved annual plan, conferences, seminars, thematic meetings are held annually in regional human rights centers, which are located in higher educational institutions, and where representatives of various structures are invited to increase their competence, as well as education in the field of human rights

In addition, the Ombudsman and the staff of the Office periodically publish their articles in various mass media on the topic of human rights, meetings are organized with students of higher

educational institutions, students of the Academy of Public Service under the President of Turkmenistan, seminars and lectures in the field of human rights are held.

A lot of work is being done in the country to improve the education system, modernize the material and technical base of institutions, and the curriculum and training plans are also being improved.

In this regard, the report of the Ombudsman on his activities made appropriate recommendations. We believe that educational and educational activities in the field of human rights should be carried out not only in educational institutions, but also in the social and cultural sphere, penal enforcement agencies, children's institutions, law enforcement and judicial bodies, and should be aimed not only at providing information about human rights and mechanisms for their protection, but also and to promote the formation of a culture of human rights.

To implement these tasks, the Ombudsman's annual reports in subsequent years provided relevant recommendations, such as the Government's consideration of the issue and the adoption of a state action program in the field of human rights education and enlightenment, as well as the formation of a system of continuing legal education and enlightenment, the inclusion of provisions on the study of human rights in State education standards, the conduct of special courses on human rights for university students, especially humanities majors; development and implementation of professional development programs in the field of human rights for professional lessons, conducting extensive educational work in the media through social advertising, publishing, and support and encouragement of non-governmental organizations, as well as scientific and educational organizations engaged in information, training and education in the field of education; the promotion of scientific developments in human rights education, the organization of educational and educational events for the general public, the formation of a publicly accessible information database of regional and international documents on education in the field of human rights protection, the expansion of international cooperation in the field of education and human rights education; to provide as key areas of the state action program in the field of human rights education and enlightenment.

It should also be added that, taking into account the recommendations of the ombudsmen presented in subsequent years, in 2022 special working groups were created in Turkmenistan to develop educational programs on human rights, which also includes representatives of the office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan. Within the framework of this working group, the international experience of integrating human rights education courses into the curriculum of higher educational institutions of Turkmenistan is currently being studied.

Dear colleagues, dear participants, participation in today's meeting is important for us, since the discussion of such important issues and the exchange of experience among themselves is among the main directions in the protection of human and civil rights and freedoms.

We have already listened to our colleagues at today's event and received a lot of information about what their apparatus and their organizations have done to raise public awareness and public awareness. Therefore, it is especially important and important for us to participate in this useful event.

Once again, Tatiana Nikolaevna, I would like to thank you and your team for the invitation, for organizing this event. Of course, at the end of the word, I wish everyone good health, prosperity, and success in your responsible work. Thank you all for your attention