



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
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Thank you very much, Tatiana Nikolaevna! Dear colleagues, dear Tatiana Nikolaevna, first of all, I would like to cordially thank the organizers of the seventh meeting of the Eurasian Alliance of Ombudsmen for the invitation to take part in the work of a very necessary meeting, and wish them all the best in their personal lives and professional activities.

Undoubtedly, today's meeting plays an important role in forming a unified position of the Commissioners for human rights, successful protection and human freedoms.

Dear colleagues, human rights education is essential for the effective implementation of established international standards, rules and respect for human rights. Human rights education is indeed receiving much-needed attention at the regional and international level, and this pleases everyone.

The Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan in order to implement constitutional guarantees of State protection of human and civil liberties and the successful fulfillment of its international obligations in 2009, the Republic established a specialized institute for the protection of human rights - the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan, and in 2016 established the post of Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan – The Commissioner for the Rights of the Child in the Republic of Tajikistan.

One of the main directions of the obligation to respect the observance of fundamental human rights and freedoms and the function of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan is legal education in the field of human rights and freedoms and assistance in improving legal literacy of various segments of society.

Legal education on human rights issues of forms and methods of their protection is carried out by the Commissioner in the fields of information, education and upbringing and pursues the goals of preventing their violations, forming a democratic worldview of society and civil legal awareness of the individual. The propaganda and educational activities of the Commissioner for the dissemination of knowledge about the legal social and ethical rules of personal behavior in a democratic State governed by the rule of law contributes to the preparation of the population for life in a democratic State governed by the rule of law and a pluralistic civil society.

The main focus in this area of work is the education of law-abiding citizens and officials and civil servants who respect the law and human rights. To carry out the tasks of legal education in the field of human rights and freedoms, the Commissioner for Human Rights uses the following actions:

dissemination of information on human and civil rights and freedoms

, publication of official periodicals on human and civil rights and freedoms in accordance with the procedure established by law

making proposals to improve state educational standards and curricula of basic, general, secondary, special, primary vocational and secondary vocational, higher and postgraduate professional education in the field of human rights in state educational institutions of the Republic of Tajikistan

In 2012, the Institute of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan developed and submitted to the Government of the country a draft human rights education program for 2013-2020, which was approved by a decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. This program was aimed at raising public awareness of human rights and freedoms, and the implementation of the program is envisaged in three stages

: the first stage 2013-2014

, the second stage 2015-2018

, the third stage 2019-2020

The program provides for the inclusion of human rights education in the education system, training and retraining courses for teachers, judges, civil servants, law enforcement officials and military personnel at all levels.

This program ended in 2020. With the completion of the human rights education program for 2013-2020, it became necessary to develop and adopt a new human rights education program.

The second human rights education program for 2022-2026 was approved by a decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

On March 10 of this year, at the initiative of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan, a round table was held with the participation of representatives of state bodies, partners, public associations and the media. The objectives and main content of the program were presented at the event. The participants also discussed the establishment of mutually beneficial cooperation in the implementation of the human rights education program for 2022-2026. The program is aimed at contributing to the effective implementation of one of the most important activities of the Commissioner for Human Rights – raising public awareness of human and civil rights and freedoms, as well as forms and means of their protection.

The program is also aimed at improving the legal knowledge and culture of students of general primary secondary and higher educational institutions, strengthening the professional knowledge of teachers, judges, civil servants, representatives of civil military and law enforcement agencies, as well as youth and media representatives in the field of human rights in accordance with national legislation and international acts.

The new program has also been improved taking into account phase 4 of the World Human Rights Education Program for 2020-2024. For law enforcement officers and military personnel, the program will train educators and teachers on human rights from among a wide range of law enforcement officers, the criminal punishment enforcement system and military structures that are responsible for the observance, protection and application of human rights.

Along with this, the training of researchers in the areas of protection and ensuring human rights at the expense of law enforcement officers of the criminal punishment system and military structures. An Interdepartmental Coordinating Council has been established under the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan from among representatives of relevant departments to coordinate the implementation of this program.

To strengthen the activities of the Commissioner for Legal Education in the field of human rights and freedoms, the website of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan has been used. The bulletin "Bulletin of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan" is also published quarterly and distributed free of charge, a speech is organized on the republican radio and television, various information events are held.

In conclusion, I would like to note that this speech does not reflect all the indicators and achievements of our country in this direction. At the same time, I want to assure you that the

Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan is ready for further cooperation in the field of human rights protection, we are open for cooperation and joint work.

Once again, I thank the organizers for the warm welcome and thank everyone for their attention.