

RESOLUTION

VII International Scientific and Practical Conference

"Problems of Human Rights Protection: Exchange of Best Practices of Ombudsmen" on the subject "Competencies of Ombudsmen"

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We, THE PARTICIPANTS in the VII INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL CONFERENCE "HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION PROBLEMS: OMBUDSMAN BEST PRACTICES EXCHANGE",

- *being guided* by the universally recognized principles and norms of international law, humanism and justice,

- *Reaffirming* that non-discrimination, together with equality before the law and the right to equal protection of the law, without distinction of any kind, is a basic principle of human rights protection,

- *recognizing* that each country develops its own unique state human rights practices,

- *recognizing* the necessity of joint action to address new challenges in the protection of citizens' rights,

- *considering* the ombudsman institution as an inseparable part of the modern human rights mechanism,

- believing that the proposals of the participants in the international conference will also be relevant and will contribute to the development of human rights diplomacy and the growth of the effectiveness of human rights protection both in our countries and on the international level,

- realizing the importance of consolidated shaping of new vectors and instruments of human rights protection with the participation of ombudsmen,

- Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1948, the Principles relating to the Status of National Institutions for the Promotion and

Protection of Human Rights ("the Paris Principles"), approved by General Assembly resolution 48/134 of 20 December 1993,

- *Expressing* the opinions of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, civil society, international organizations and the academic community,

recommend to national institutions involved in the promotion and protection of human rights:

1. to continue developing cooperation of ombudsmen with a view to sharing experience in the protection of human rights.

2. to consider strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation to develop integration ties of human rights institutions of the conference participating countries.

3. to promote the implementation of international legal standards in the field of human rights protection at the national level.

4. to ensure targeted and substantive interaction with government authorities, the media, civil society institutions, representatives of the business community, international organizations and integration associations for the promotion and protection of human rights. to undertake educational activities for the purpose of building adequate legal literacy and civic responsibility of citizens.

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6. to consider the possibility of holding joint events in the field of legal education, as well as seminars and trainings for the staff of national human rights institutions - participants of the Conference, including online.

7. to consider establishing youth councils and other similar bodies at national human rights institutions and educational institutions, as well as developing bilateral and multilateral cooperation between their representatives.

8. to assist people in difficult life situations, persons with disabilities, persons suffering from mental disorders, orphans and children without

parental care, as well as refugees in the realization and protection of their rights.

9. to recognize the positive practices of specialized ombudsmen and regional ombudsmen in certain countries.

10. to engage in countering politicization of the issues of protection of citizens' rights and freedoms.

11. to promote the principles of independence, objectivity, transparency and impartiality in the work of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, emphasizing the importance of avoiding its politicization.

12. to continue efforts to strengthen the legislative and institutional framework of the national system for the promotion and protection of human rights.

13. to strengthen guarantees of independence in the activities of ombudsmen for the protection of human and civil rights and freedoms in order to minimize influence on their decisions.

14. to exchange experience on the protection of human rights in places of forced detention (in terms of studying models of the national preventive mechanism).

15. to propose to annually summarize the experience of protecting the rights of refugees, migrants and other foreign persons who have been forced to leave their country of citizenship.

16. to spread the positive experience of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights.

17. to encourage participation in the Conference of integrative associations of ombudsmen in order to share experience and best practices in international human rights cooperation.

18. to promote the enhancement and strengthening of interaction on the study of positive experience of human rights activities between integrative associations of ombudsmen.

19. to incorporate recommendations to address systemic problems in the protection of human rights in reports presented to their Governments.

20. to issue following the VII International Scientific and Practical Conference "Problems of Human Rights Protection: Exchange of Best Practices of Ombudsmen" a compilation of contributions of the participants.