

RESOLUTION
VIII meeting of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance

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We, the participants of the meeting of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance,

- *Reaffirming* our commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms, social justice, dignity and worth of the human person;
- *Reaffirming* that the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health is a fundamental right of every human being without distinction as to race, religion, political opinion, economic or social condition;
- *Emphasizing* the fundamental importance of public health and health care in ensuring the human right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health;
- *Reaffirming* that the health of citizens is essential to the establishment and maintenance of harmonious relations among nations and peoples and depends on the fullest cooperation of States;
- *Reaffirming* that, in addition to meeting basic health-care needs, special attention should be paid to the protection and education of vulnerable groups, in particular children, youth, women, indigenous peoples and the poorest segments of the population
- realizing that coordinated efforts of human rights institutions contribute to more effective international cooperation in the field of

human rights protection, including in the area of health and medical care;

- *Considering* the aspiration of national human rights institutions that are members of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance to improve the promotion and protection of human rights;

- *Having examined* the issues of health protection and medical care in the field of human rights, decided to:

1. Recommend to the members of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance:

to recognize the positive experience of interaction with the competent national public authorities in assisting in the realization of the rights of citizens, including the elderly, those suffering from mental disorders, those with disabilities, to health care and medical assistance;

to consider the experience of the Islamic Republic of Iran in providing comprehensive health insurance for refugees on an equal basis with the citizens of the country;

to consider the experience of the Republic of Kazakhstan in transferring the medical care of persons held in penitentiary institutions to the Ministry of Health, as well as the use of mobile diagnostic stations in penitentiary institutions;

take into account the experience of the Kyrgyz Republic in promoting digitization of the health care system;

take into account the experience of the Kyrgyz Republic in establishing a service to protect the rights of patients in inpatient psychiatric institutions;

consider Mongolia's experience in implementing the state policy on combating tobacco use, including in the format of seminars and trainings for school teachers;

to consider the experience of the Russian Federation on the constitutional enshrinement of the state's obligation to preserve and strengthen public health, create conditions for leading a healthy way of life, and create a culture of citizens' responsible attitude to their health;

Take into account the experience of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan to limit the use of preventive measures in the form of remand in custody for persons suffering from serious illnesses;

to consider the experience of the Republic of Serbia in providing public health care services for foreigners working in the territory of the country as well as those who have a residence permit;

to promote cooperation between competent national authorities in order to create appropriate conditions in the penitentiary system for the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities;

to elaborate with the competent national State authorities the issue of organizing cooperation between medical organizations and law enforcement agencies on the exchange of information on persons suffering from mental disorders in order to prevent them from committing unlawful acts;

to promote respectful and tolerant attitudes towards persons with disabilities and people with special needs in penitentiary institutions;

to draw the attention of competent national public authorities to the need for adequate medication provision for people with mental illness in penitentiary institutions;

to promote collaboration with state authorities to ensure unhindered access of national human rights institutions and their staff to medical organizations where persons suffering from mental illness are located;

to promote the positive experience of national institutions for the protection, restoration and prevention of human rights violations in the field of health protection and medical care;

to develop cooperation with civil society organizations, including professional associations and patient organizations, in order to conduct joint activities to improve the legal literacy of the population, exchange opinions and experience in the field of health protection and medical care;

to develop cooperation with competent national governmental bodies to promote healthy behavior and develop a sense of personal responsibility for one's health, including raising public awareness on the prevention of contagious and non-communicable diseases as the main element of preserving and strengthening public health;

to enhance preparedness for emergencies in the health sector;

to actively promote legal education of citizens, including those living outside urban settlements, on health care and medical assistance;

to promote volunteership and mentorship in this area;

to promote the development of international acts prohibiting the imposition of unilateral restrictive measures on the supply of medicines and medical equipment;

to conduct joint monitoring of the observance of the rights of citizens of people with mental illnesses in penitentiary institutions.

2. Instruct the EOA Secretariat:

to publish the transcript of the meeting on the official website of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance;

to coordinate the preparation of articles and other materials on health protection and medical care, with their subsequent posting on the official website of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance with the assistance of the offices of EOA members.