



## Human Rights 75 Pledges

### Guidance for National Human Rights Institutions

One of the key objectives of the [Human Rights 75 Initiative](#) is to generate pledges by State institutions (executive, legislative and judicial authorities), local and regional authorities, regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organisations, UN entities, international financial institutions, business, young people and others. These pledges are aimed at bringing about concrete change towards greater enjoyment of human rights for all.

#### What can an NHRI do?

- Make pledges
- Join up with other NHRIs or NHRI networks and pledge together
- Participate in Human Rights 75 country and regional dialogues
- Encourage other actors to make pledges

#### What are Human Rights 75 pledges?

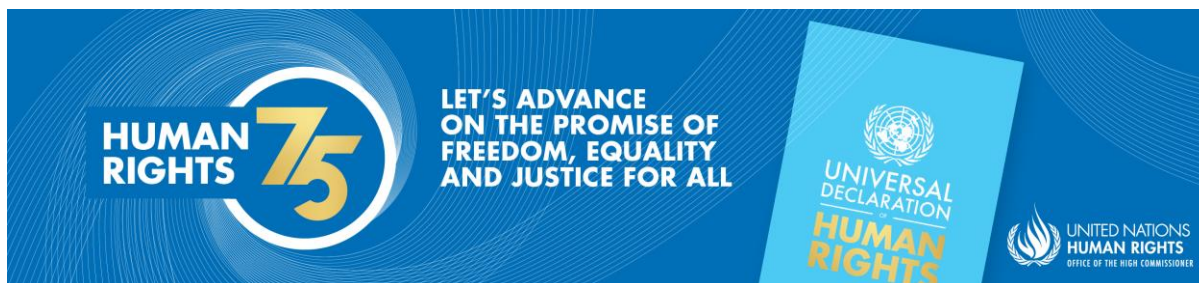
As national human rights institutions play a crucial role in promoting and monitoring the effective implementation of international human rights standards at the national level, pledges by NHRIs can have significant impact on the enjoyment of human rights for all.

Human Rights 75 pledges are commitments to take a specific action, with the aim of promoting and protecting human rights.

The High Commissioner invites pledges that are transformative, innovative and catalytic at the local, country, regional or international level.

#### What can a pledge be based on?

- Already existing efforts to promote and protect human rights.
- Recommendations made by international, regional or other human rights mechanisms.
- Recommendations from the GANHRI Sub-Committee on Accreditation and requirements of the Paris Principles.
- HC's [monthly thematic spotlights](#).



Pledges should be SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-bound). Pledges can involve one or more of the following actions:

**A. Support / advocate for legal or policy changes by the State, e.g.**

- Adoption or review of key legislation.
- Adoption of a new policy/scheme or extending its beneficiaries.
- Adoption or amendment of administrative measures.
- Increase in budget allocation for human rights (e.g. health, education, labor, etc).
- Ratification of international human rights instruments and optional protocols; lifting reservations to these instruments.
- Implementation of key recommendations made by international, regional or other human rights mechanisms, within a certain timeframe and with an action plan.
- Implementation of recommendations made by the international human rights system to promote and protect human rights at the national level.

**B. Submission to the Government, Parliament or any other competent body, opinions, recommendations, proposals or reports on a specific human rights issue, within a clear timeframe.**

**C. Practices and activities, e.g.**

- Specific commitments to report to regional and UN human rights mechanisms (including the UN Treaty Bodies, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and Special Procedures).
- Specific commitments to develop an action plan within a clear timeframe to support and advocate for implementing recommendations of UN human rights mechanisms (including the UN Treaty Bodies, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and Special Procedures).
- Holding consultations on specific issues/with specific groups.
- Launching campaigns to develop a culture of human rights, empowering people to claim their rights and to respect and uphold the rights of others.
- Launching campaigns to change public perceptions and to fight discrimination and combat intolerance, or to address another pressing human rights issue in the country.
- Build human rights capacity of public authorities.

**D. Advocate for greater financial investment in human rights and human rights actors**



### **Work with others!**

- OHCHR field presence and UN Country Team.
- Local, regional and national governments.
- Civil society organizations, women's groups, human rights defenders, faith-based actors, youth, academia, artistic community.
- Victims/survivors.
- Business community.
- Regional organisations.
- Other NHRIs and NHRI Networks.

### **Pledges should support the goals of Human Rights 75 to:**

1) revitalise a worldwide consensus on human rights:

- E.g., what commitment can be made to revitalise a global consensus on human rights?

2) look to the future, 25 years down the line:

- what commitment can be made to address issues that are expected to escalate in the coming years – e.g. impact of climate change, new technologies, or inequalities?

3) bolster the human rights ecosystem:

- what contribution can be made to strengthen the human rights ecosystem (e.g. to establish or strengthen human rights local structures; to foster collaboration with international and regional human rights mechanisms; to strengthen support to the UN Human Rights Office)?



Once you have your pledge(s), submit it through the [online platform](#) dedicated for this purpose.

**All pledges will be made public during the December 2023 high-level event.**

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Reference material:

[OHCHR's work with National Human Rights Institutions](#)