

Pledge submitted by the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsmen to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat December 2023

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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Ensuring transparency and visibility: pledge to make reports, findings and recommendations on the promotion and protection of human rights widely available and distributed.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Promoting transparent and effective public institutions: pledge to actively cooperate with public institutions in order to encourage greater transparency, effectiveness and accountability in the provision of services while actively working to eliminate discriminatory practices. Through constructive dialogue and cooperation, we strive to ensure that public institutions uphold the principles of human rights and provide equal and fair services to all members of society.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Encouraging cooperation with civil society organizations: pledge to constantly improve the cooperation and cooperativeness with civil society organizations, while recognizing their key role in improving the protection of human rights. This commitment includes the creation of an enabling environment that facilitates civil society to act freely and contribute to the advancement of human rights. Our aim is to foster a culture of openness and inclusiveness, valuing diverse perspectives and efforts of civil society organizations in advancing human rights at the global level.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Establishing Preventive Mechanism against Torture pledge to establish a strong and effective preventive mechanism against torture, fully in accordance with OPCAT. This Preventive Mechanism will be equipped with the necessary resources, will have the independence and expertise to prevent and handle any cases of torture and ill-treatment within our jurisdiction. Our aim is to ensure that all individuals in a detention or prison environment are treated with dignity and respect, and that their fundamental human rights are respected and protected.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2024