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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: More than 30% of Kyrgyzstan's population is youth, and young activists play a key role in important events in our country. Today we, young people, realize the importance of promoting human rights and the importance of reaching consensus on human rights. We realize that human rights issues are fundamental to our global community. Despite progress in this area, we face new challenges and problems that require a unified, coherent response. We are ready to commit ourselves and propose several key courses of action. First, we intend to intensify educational programs to raise awareness of human rights in our communities. Supporting education and understanding of the importance of respecting everyone's rights is the first step towards global positive change. Second, we want to strengthen cooperation with governmental and international organizations to share knowledge, experience and best practices in the field of human rights. Together, we can build a powerful alliance that can effectively respond to the challenges of our times. We hope that young people will become equal partners in promoting human rights at the national, regional and international levels. Thirdly, we intend to conduct civil monitoring of the State's fulfillment of its obligations under international human rights instruments. Based on the results of the monitoring, we will inform the authorized State bodies about the results and pass on our recommendations within the framework of constructive dialogue. Supporting local youth initiatives will also be an important area of our activities. We believe that change begins with grassroots activism and are therefore ready to support initiatives that contribute to the protection of human rights in various communities. Finally, we will actively cooperate with the media to ensure that human rights issues are widely publicized. We believe that public attention and discussion play a key role in shaping public opinion. We, the youth of Kyrgyzstan, hope that Kyrgyzstan will become a country where human rights are not just declared, but become central to public policy and become its first priority. On the eve of the 75th anniversary of the UDHR, we believe that together we will achieve significant success.

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