

RESOLUTION
of the IV International Scientific and Practical Conference
“Human rights protection in Eurasia: exchange of best practices of
ombudsmen”

We, THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE IV INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL CONFERENCE “HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION IN EURASIA: EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES OF OMBUDSMEN”,

-guided by the universally recognized rules and principles of international law and humanism,

-reminding that in the year 2020 the international community is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Victory against Nazism in the World War II and the establishment of the United Nations Organization,

-taking into consideration the importance of following the Nuremberg principles created in 1950 by the International Law Commission on the instructions of the UN General Assembly,

-bearing in mind the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the European Convention on Human Rights and the establishment of the European Court of Human Rights,

-emphasizing the importance of the establishment by the States of the enabling environment for the independent functioning of national human rights institutions,

-based on the necessity of responding to new challenges and threats in the field of human and civil rights protection,

-expressing the views of the ombudsman institutions, academia, civil society, and international organizations that have delegated us,

-pursuing the coordination of efforts and development of common practical measures of violated rights protection in the Eurasian space,

have agreed as follows:

1. To note the constructive role of the ombudsman institutions in their work of protecting human rights during the fight against the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. To support the aligning process of Eurasian national human rights institutions.

3. To promote the formation of a unified ideology of people in the Eurasian space based on respect for human rights, intolerance of violations in this field, and on the philosophy of sustainable development of the society in all aspects.

4. To pay special attention to ensuring the right to historical truth in the context of celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Victory against Nazism in World War II.

5. To strive for bringing the activities of national human rights institutions in line with the Paris Principles relating to the Status of National Institutions for promotion and protection of human rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1994, the Venice Principles for the Protection and Strengthening of the Institution of the Ombudsman, adopted by the European Commission for Democracy through Law in March 2019, the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the development of the Ombudsman institution, adopted on 16 October 2019 at the 1357th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, and the Resolution A/RES/75/186 on the role of Ombudsman and mediator institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights, good governance and the rule of law adopted by the UN General Assembly at the 75th session on 16 December 2020.

6. To develop and strengthen the mechanisms to protect the rights of compatriots in foreign detention facilities.

7. To give particular attention to human and civil rights protection in situations of armed conflict and “grey zones” while following the principles of objectivity and impartiality.

8. To give particular attention to human rights protection monitoring, including those of children, in conflict zones, in collaboration with government bodies and international human rights organizations.

9. To expand the bilateral and multilateral international cooperation on regional and universal levels in the field of human and civil rights protection during the spreading and fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and the gradual lifting of restrictive measures.

10. To improve the protection of social rights of vulnerable groups, including women, disabled persons, the elderly, migrants and so on.

11. To endorse the idea of developing an international legal act which would govern human rights in emergency situations arising from the spreading of dangerous infectious diseases.

12. To call upon the international ombudsman community to pay special attention to the protection of human rights in the digital sphere in their everyday work; to recommend governments of their respective States to implement necessary measures to strengthen the regulation of the use of personal data in the context of digitalization.

13. To recommend national government bodies to provide universal voluntary immunization access to COVID-19 vaccine.

14. To develop new international forms of human rights legal education.

15. To publish a compendium of the “Human rights protection in Eurasia: exchange of best practices of ombudsmen” Conference participants’ interventions as a follow-up to the Conference.