



**The Decision №1  
of the IV Meeting of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance  
held on 18 November 2020**

*on issue regarding “Experience of ombudsmen in protecting migrants’ rights during pandemic”*

We, the participants of the meeting of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance, held by videoconference on 18 November 2020,

*reaffirming* belief in human rights and fundamental freedoms, social equity, dignity and worth of the human person;

*referring to* the Paris Principles relating to the status and functioning of National Institutions for protection and promotion of human rights approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1994, the Venice principles on protection and promotion of the Ombudsman institution, adopted by the European Commission for Democracy through law in March 2019, and Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe “on the development of the Ombudsman Institution”, adopted at the 1357 meeting on 16 October 2019, the consensus Resolution A/RES/75/186 “The role of Ombudsman and mediator institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights, good governance and the rule of law”, adopted at the 75th session of the UN General Assembly on 16 December 2020;

*being convinced* of significant role of member-institutions of the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in their own countries;

*stressing* the importance of international cooperation between Ombudsman Institution and equivalent institutions within the Eurasian Ombudsman Alliance and other international associations of Ombudsman Institution;

*having considered the issue regarding “Experience of ombudsmen in protecting migrants’ rights during pandemic” HAVE DECIDED*

1. To promote the establishment of the intergovernmental cooperation mechanism in order to return those citizens home, who find themselves beyond the borders of their native country, under conditions of movement restriction during the pandemic or other extraordinary circumstances.
2. To make recommendations to the relevant public authorities of our states to expedite the processing of requests submitted to competent authorities to issue national travel documents for their nationals, who find themselves abroad, if decisions on administrative expulsion, deportation or readmission have been made against those citizens by other countries during pandemic, epidemic or other extraordinary circumstances.
3. To appeal to Governments of our states to extend the validity of permits to stay for foreign nationals who due to pandemic and circumstances beyond their control were unable to return home, as well as to issue a moratorium on the expulsion of those citizens to third states.