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Reports from other human rights institutions - Uzbekistan

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The National Human Rights centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan was established 9 years ago in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action. The Centre carries out its activity in line with the Paris Principles on National Human Rights Institutions.

The Centre's main purposes are - elaboration and implementation of the National Programme of Action on Human Rights.

Priority functions:

First, The Centre produces National Reports on human rights observance in the Republic of Uzbekistan and submits them to international organizations. Besides, the Centre keeps monitoring of the realization.

Till present 15 National Reports on the implementation of the 6 UN major human rights instruments have been produced and submitted to the Conventional bodies. The Centre is a major partner in Uzbekistan for the UN conventional bodies.

The Centre pays a great attention to information received from NGOs in producing National Reports alongside with information provided by other organizations.

Second, elaboration of National Action Plans and National Programmes on human rights.

Thus, till present the Centre has produced National Action Plans concerning the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur Mr. Theo van Boven, Independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights Mr. L. Huseynov and the recommendations of the Committee on Human Rights.

Third, preparation of recommendations for state bodies on improving their activities in the sphere of observance and protection of human rights.

Fourth, provision of consultative services to state bodies, NGOs and citizens as well regarding human rights issues.

Fifth, the Centre actively participates in legislation process.

Thus, the following laws have been drafted with the participation of the Centre:

- (a) The law on Ombudsman;
- (b) The law Court Executors;
- (c) The law on the Execution of Judicial Acts;
- (d) The law on Amendments to the Criminal, Criminal Procedural, and Penitentiary

Codes;

(e) the law on Mass-Media;

(f) The law on Nongovernmental Organizations;

(g) The law on the social protection of orphans and children without parental tutelage;

(h) The law on Public Funds.

Sixth, the Centre carries out an enormous informational work:

- Makes educational TV and radio programs;
- Produces textbooks, leaflets, posters;
- Organizes round-tables, seminars, conferences various human rights issues;
- Publication of journals.

As it was noted above, the centre publishes two popular journals- “Democratization and Human Rights” and “Public Opinion. Human Rights”. Journals are published in three languages - Uzbek, Russian and English and their main purposes are 1) dissemination of education in the field of human rights; 2) enhancement of legal culture of the employees of state bodies and population on the issues concerning human rights.

The great importance is attached to translation of international human rights instruments into the Uzbek language, as well as to their circulation. Thus, at present we have got 7 popular compilations published in Uzbek, in which over 100 international human rights instruments included.

Hence, during the 9 years of its existence Centre has achieved considerable results that are of invaluable practical importance. Furthermore, Centre is in an active cooperation with the representatives and organizations of European countries in the field of human rights. However, unfortunately we can't be proud our relations with Asian Pacific states in this sphere but I do believe that this Tenth Annual Meeting of the Forum will serve as a basis to lay the foundation stones to start developing collaboration among our states on human rights.

Thank you for your attention