



**NOTES
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Meaning of the term

1. The term “human rights defenders” should be understood in its broad sense which includes:
 - (a) Organizations and individuals whose activities are aimed at the promotion and protection human rights;
 - (b) Media workers who carry out their duties which are directly or indirectly, aimed at promotion and protection of human rights;
 - (c) Members and staff of NHRIs.

Protection

2. In the performance of their duties, human rights defenders would need the following protection:
 - (a) To act freely without hindrance or interference from the authorities, except in the event that the activities of human rights defenders would threaten their safety;

- (b) To have access to places where alleged human rights violations have taken place or to persons who claimed to be or might be considered as being victims of alleged human rights violations;
- (c) Immunity for members of NHRIs, as institutions established by states or governments, from prosecution resulting from their views expressed or written, as long as these views relate to the carrying out of their official duties in monitoring the implementation of human rights provisions or, in this context, in collecting facts, data, or information on alleged violations of human rights.

Possible action at national plane

- 3. Urging the national government concerned to adopt a policy for the protection of human rights defenders be incorporated or reflected in appropriate national instruments.

Possible action at international level

- 4. Lobbying governments to ensure that agenda item “human rights defenders” included in the agenda of the annual meeting of the defunct CHR could be carried over by HRC.

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