

Delegation of Kyrgyzstan

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
AT THE OSCE SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING
ON THE RULE OF LAW IN THE PROMOTION AND
PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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The Kyrgyz Republic supports the need for universal recognition and observance of human rights as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international documents.

Kyrgyzstan is committed to democratic institutions, the rule of law, constitutional order, social peace and full respect for human rights. We believe that strict observance of the rule of law is the basis for the observance of human rights and consequently the securing of a decent standard of living.

Our Constitution, which aims to create effective mechanisms to protect and promote human rights, was adopted in a nationwide referendum in June 2010. Article 16 of the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic states: "Human rights and freedoms are inalienable and belong to everyone from birth. Human rights and freedoms are of supreme value. They apply directly and define the meaning and content of the activities of the legislative and executive authorities and the organs of local self-government." The Republic has proclaimed a socially oriented country, and the creation of conditions for a dignified life and the free development of the individual have been elevated to State policy. Human rights should have an important role in ensuring a strategy of sustainable political, economic, social and cultural development.

Kyrgyzstan has to date ratified seven of the nine major international conventions of the United Nations on human rights. Since the country gained its independence, commitments have been adopted under more than 40 international documents on human rights within the United Nations, 53 International Labour Organization conventions as well as the Helsinki Final Act, thereby confirming Kyrgyzstan's commitments to follow the principles and standards of the United Nations and the OSCE in the protection and promotion of human rights.

The regulatory and legal framework is being improved at the national level and reforms are being implemented everywhere with the aim of improving the judicial, law enforcement and prison systems, ensuring gender equality, strengthening the role of young people and protecting the rights of children and the disadvantaged.

Promoting the rule of law remains a difficult task, especially for developing countries in view of the shortage of resources to support the relevant institutions and mechanisms. We call on developed countries and international organizations to provide technical assistance and to facilitate capacity-building with the aim of further strengthening those institutions that work to promote, develop and implement the rule of law. In this connection, the interests expressed by the countries themselves must be taken into account as a priority.

The Kyrgyz Republic firmly believes that the activities of international agencies to protect and promote human rights, including the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), are an important element of the comprehensive efforts to maintain peace and strengthen security and stability. We support the efforts of the United Nations, the OSCE and other international organizations in this area. ODIHR meetings offer a unique international platform for the discussion of questions that have a perceptible impact on the global order. The principles of respect for equal rights, the need to take into account the significance of national and regional particularities, the importance of ensuring universality, objectivity and non-selectivity in the consideration of human rights issues and the need to eliminate double standards and politicization proclaimed in United Nations General Assembly resolution 60/251 are relevant in this connection.