



***DELEGATION OF UKRAINE***

***STATEMENT***

at the 2006 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

***“THE AUTHORIZED HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE”***

*(Warsaw, October 2006)*

The Constitution of Ukraine stipulates that human rights and freedoms are protected by the court.

Everyone is guaranteed the right to challenge in the court decisions, actions or omission of bodies of state power, bodies of local self-government, their officials.

Everyone has the right to appeal for the protection of his or her rights to the Authorised Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

After exhausting all domestic legal remedies, everyone has the right to appeal for the protection of his or her rights and freedoms to the relevant international judicial institutions or to the relevant bodies of international organisations of which Ukraine is a member or participant.

Everyone has the right to protect his or her rights and freedoms from violations and illegal encroachments by any means not prohibited by law.

Under the Constitution the Authorised Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine exercises parliamentary control over the observance of constitutional human rights and freedoms.

The parliamentary control exercised by the Representative shall be aimed at:

- protecting human rights and freedoms proclaimed by the Constitution of Ukraine, the laws of Ukraine and international agreements of Ukraine;

- observing and respecting human rights and freedoms through state bodies and local self-government;

- preventing acts of infringement of human rights and freedoms or the facilitation of their renewal;

- facilitating the process of bringing legislation of Ukraine on human rights and freedoms in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine and international standards in this area;

- improving and further developing international co-operation in the area of the protection of human and citizens' rights and freedoms;
- preventing any forms of discrimination with regard to a person's implementation of his or her rights and freedoms;
- encouraging legal awareness among the population and protecting confidential information about person.

The activity of the Authorised Human Rights Representative is directed to realisation of progressive ideas in the sphere of providing rights of human and citizen, establishing constructive dialogue between the citizens of Ukraine and state bodies. The Authorised Human Rights Representative exercises the function of law-enforcement not only in respect of the citizens of Ukraine but also of foreigners and stateless persons.

The status and activity of the Authorised Human Rights Representative is governed by the relevant law of Ukraine of 1997. The Law provides for the tasks and powers of the Authorised Human Rights Representative and it is recognised that the current scope of powers is insufficient and should be reinforced, in particular in terms of the controlling functions.