



Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights

on the occasion of the Universal Children's Day.

20 November 2014

United Nations General Assembly called upon all countries of the world to celebrate the Universal Children's Day on the 20th of November each year, which coincides with the launch of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. The day is considered as a day of fraternity and understanding between children of the world, Act in order to combat violence against children, abandoning and exploiting them in many of the hard work that exceed the bounds of their Capabilities, to urge governments to enact laws and regulations to protect the childhood right and the enlightenment of children suffering of violence in some countries.

The importance of the Child Rights as a fundamental human right has been realized by the heads of state and representatives of civil society organizations during the consultative meetings they held to predicate this century's development objective beyond 2015 which focuses around eight goals: eradicate destitution and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality , reduce child mortality rate, improve maternal health of women, the fight against HIV, ensure environmental sustainability and develop a global partnership. Despite the fact that these goals and put for all mankind, but it is mainly related to children on the basis of what indicated by UNICEF that six of the eight goals relate directly to children.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights emphasizes the basic human rights contained in the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989,

where the agreement covers the full range of human rights, civil, political, economic, social, cultural, and acknowledge that the enjoyment of a right cannot be isolated from the enjoyment of other rights, it states that the freedom needed by the child to develop his intellectual, moral and spiritual abilities require the existence of a healthy and safe environment, and access to medical care, and provide minimum levels of food, clothing and shelter, in addition to the importance that the child be an actor to express his views, and that those views are taken into account when making decisions related to his life.

National Institution also expresses deep thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the state and civil society organizations related to the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, in addition to such efforts made by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in promoting and protecting the rights of children and work to achieve well-being through the improvement of health services, raising the level of education in developing countries, and the development of social services for them and their families.

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