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Cooperation of National Human Rights Institution

Memorandum of Understanding



Working meetings





The topicality of the issue

The right to a favorable environment as a fundamental human right

Relevant international documents on issues related to the environment:

- **Sustainable Development Goals**
- **UN General Assembly Resolution of 28 July 2022 recognizing access to a clean and healthy environment as a universal human right**

UN 
environment
programme


**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
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Environmental problems take on a transnational scale nowadays





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Ecological catastrophe - destruction of Kakhovskaya hydroelectric power plant





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PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

Russian legislation aimed at achieving a balance between business growth and environmental interests

Constitution of the Russian Federation

Article 42: "Everyone has the right to a favorable environment, reliable information on its condition and to compensation for damage caused to his health or property by violation of environmental law"

Russian Federation adopted Environmental Security Strategy for the period until 2025





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PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

Adopted federal laws

- "On the Protection of Atmospheric Air" (1999)
- "On Specially Protected Natural Territories" (1995)
- "On the Animal World" (1995)
- "On Production and Consumption Waste" (1999)
- "On the Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare of the Population" (1999)
- "On Protection of the Environment" (2002)
- "On Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions" (2021)





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PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

Russia has developed an ample corpus of legislation

In 2021, the Russian Parliament adopted the federal law "On limiting greenhouse gas emissions"

Paris Climate Agreement

**reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Russia to 70%
70% by 2030**





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MEASURES TAKEN BY THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE SPHERE OF ECOLOGY

Support for organizations investing in activities aimed at implementing measures to reduce the negative impact on the environment:

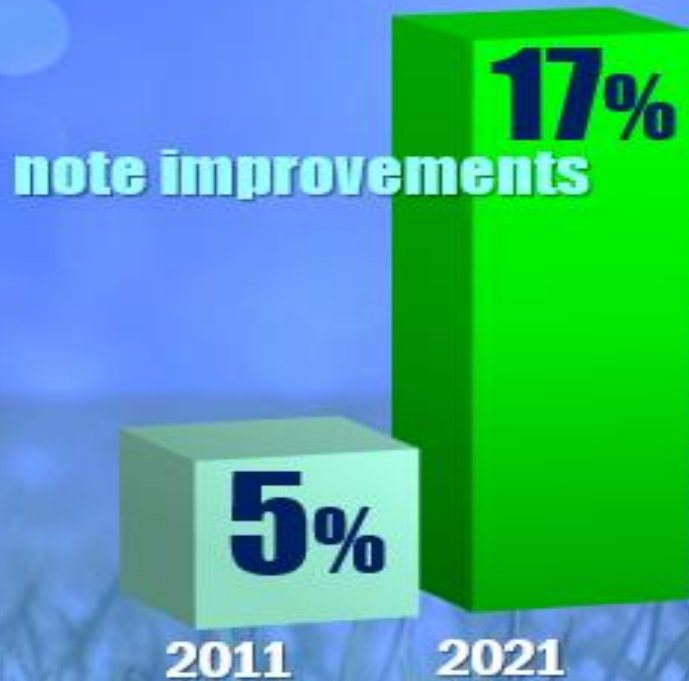
- Tax relief
- Privileges on tax payments for negative impact on the environment
- Interest subsidies on loans for the implementation of investment projects for the introduction of the best available technologies

To strengthen the green economy, Russia has adopted the FEDERAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAM in the field of ecological development of the Russian Federation and climate change for 2021-2030.



Public perception

Ecological situation in Russia



52%
percent of the country's population
evaluate the environmental situation
as satisfactory

**According to the sociological survey of the Public Opinion Foundation*



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TOPICAL ISSUES

- violation of sanitary and epidemiological requirements
- high greenhouse gas emissions
- Air pollution in industrial regions
- unauthorized dumps
- Insufficient level of waste recycling





NUMBER OF APPEALS TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER 2020-2023





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PROTECTION OF CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS





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Results of appeals handling 2020-2023

450 000 citizens

received assistance in restoring their rights





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IMPROVEMENT OF LEGISLATION

The proposals of the High Commissioner have been incorporated into the adopted federal laws on the legal regime of specially protected natural territories

Possibility of granting land plots in the economic zones of national parks for ownership of citizens





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PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS TO A FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT

Coordination Council of Commissioners
for Human Rights in the constituent entities of the
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Coordination Council of Commissioners for
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Special report "The Right to a Favorable Environment in the
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International Forum "Public-Private Partnership in Sustainable
Development of Indigenous Peoples"





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Prospects for international cooperation in the protection of the right to a favorable environment

The urgent task is to exchange experience of the states in the following areas:

- Public control over environmental protection, including the promotion of volunteer activities
- Promotion of a system of incentives (benefits, compensations) for environmentally-oriented entrepreneurship
- Development of the environmental education system



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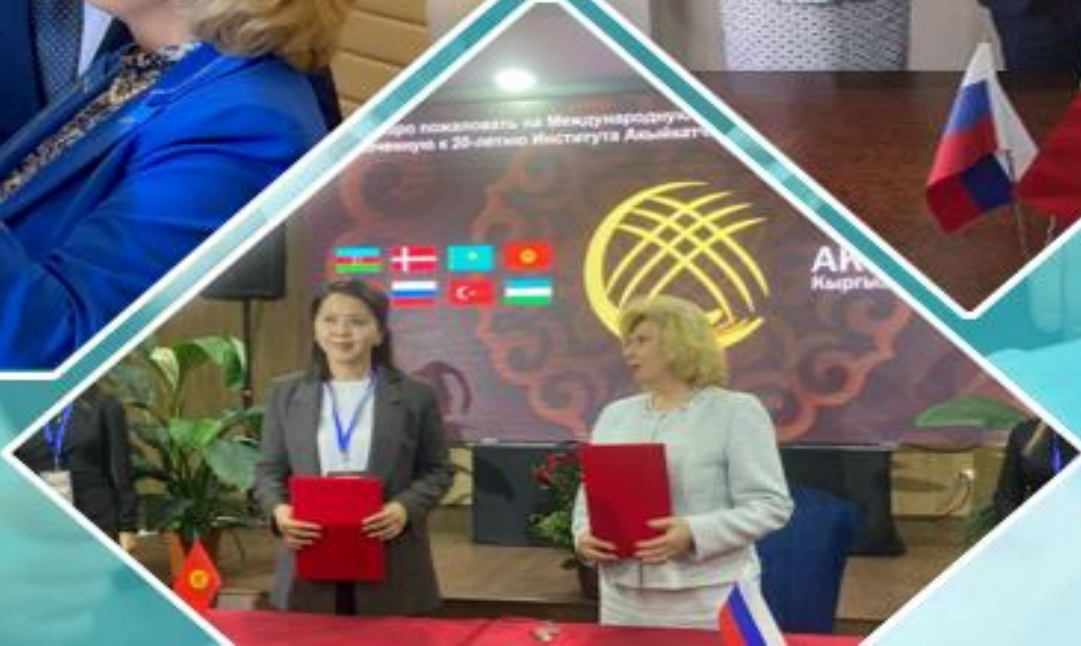
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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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BILATERAL AGREEMENTS





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