**HUMAN RIGHTS IN POST-DISASTER AND POST-CONFLICT SITUATIONS**

***QUESTIONNAIRE***

1. The Slovak Republic presently faces neither situations of disaster nor conflict. In the recent period some areas of the Slovak Republic were affected by floods caused by the increased storm activity. In this connection the Slovak Republic has made a considerable effort with the aim to stabilize situation and remove caused damages.

2. The Slovak Republic Constitution covers all fundamental human rights and guarantees the respect of fundamental rights. The exceptions concerning the possibility of fundamental human rights restrictions are explicitly defined in the Slovak Republic Constitution.

3. The Slovak Republic has a specific mechanism to deal with disasters arising from relevant legal acts (the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on Civil
Protection of Population, the Concept of Organization and Development of Civil Protection by 2015, Act on Management of the State in Crisis Situations except for the Wartime and Hostilities, Act on Integrated Rescue System, Act on Fire Protection, Act on Mountain Rescue Unit, Act on Flood Protection and the other operational documents including Territory Emergency Analysis, Population Protection Plan, Evacuation Plan, Plan of material and technical equipment of civil protection units, documentation for radiological, chemical and biological measures).

4. In accordance with the Act on Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic the armed forces can be utilized in order to provide necessary logistical support at the request of state bodies, municipalities and higher territorial units which charge the armed forces with task regarding protection, assistance and cooperation with the aim to eliminate consequences of natural disasters, catastrophes and accidents threatening human lives or property.

5. The Slovak Republic Government may provide financial or material assistance to persons affected by an emergency. The disaster responses and post-disaster recovery is implemented through the measures of economic mobilization and civil protection in general. The Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic informs the public about these measures through crisis management institutions, civil protection warning service, warning and notification civil protection centres, public and private media as well as other communication means.

6. During emergency situation the specific attention is given to the needs of every group (children, women, elderly, persons with disabilities, minorities). The individual approach is ensured, with respect to the needs of the specific group, resulting from the priority of the arrangement of their needs (medical treatment, accommodation etc.).

7. The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic has developed a mechanism in order to solve the crisis in the social insurance area through the Focused Social Insurance Centre, which provides the citizens consultant services, protection, material and financial support. According to Act on Grants in the competence of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, which regulates objective, extent, conditions and method of grants provision, the grants may be provided as the financial support in case of emergency situation (fire, storm rainfall, landslide and windstorm), by which the citizens have suffered losses.

8. In compliance with the Act on Economic Mobilization the Slovak Republic has elaborated plans with the aim to solve the potential crisis defined in Act on the State Security in time of Wartime and Hostilities, Martial Law and Emergency State. The integral part of these plans is to ensure vitally important products and goods supplies to citizens affected by crisis.

9. The Slovak Republic since the time of its foundation has not faced a conflict situation.

10. The specific mechanism for ensuring peace building and transitional justice is provided by the Act on Posting of Civilian Experts to work in Crisis Management Activities outside the Territory of the Slovak Republic. This Act provides the strict conditions under which it is possible to post a civilian expert to crisis management activities outside the territory of the Slovak Republic.

11. Main challenges that the Slovak Republic in peace building and transitional justice face is to ensure sufficient number of senior experts with multiannual experiences and excellent language skills as well as financial capital increase in this area.