

**Negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment  
of human rights**

I would like to thank our colleague Ms Pabel for her presentation of the draft report on the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights. The statement was clear on identifying issues important in the report of the negative impact of corruption.

During the eleventh session, the Committee set up a drafting group for this item. Then, discussions were initiated in the drafting group and resulted in agreeing on a questionnaire that was disseminated to different actors. The process resulted in receiving 68 replies of which 36 replies came from states, 14 from National Institutions of Human Rights, 11 from NGO's, and 7 from International and regional organizations or persons. This demonstrates the importance of the subject to the international community. I believe that with the current draft report more enhancement is needed to enable the Committee to submit a progress report to the Human Rights Council.

In fact, resolution 23/9 of the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to submit a research-based report at its twenty-sixth session on the issue of the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights, and to make recommendations on how the Council and its subsidiary bodies should consider this issue. It is clear that the time for our Committee left to fulfill the Council request is limited. Therefore, the best way the report should look at is to proceed to identify corruption issues that affect human rights, the obstacles that hinder the fight of corruption, and the ways and means that would combat corruption.

Corruption is playing an important role in violating the rights of the people especially the rights of weak groups. It takes many forms such as bribery, favouritism, embezzlement, unlawful commissions...etc. There are many actors that help corruption to flourish. These actors include individuals,

groups, governments and corporations. It constitutes one of the obstacles to the effective promotion and protection of human rights. Moreover, corruption strip states from their achievements and endangers the lives of human beings and prevents competitiveness. Hence, it is vital to tackle the issue to indentify all aspects of corruption and its impact on human rights.

Thank you.