

Statement on the concept paper relating to Strengthening the current human rights protection system

Last session I tabled a proposal before the Committee to have the Human rights Council delegate the Advisory Committee to study the possibility of having a Universal human rights court. The nature of the study will not be binding but will help the Council in its efforts to strengthen the Universal Human Rights protection system. Some colleagues commented on the proposal and the Committee agreed on proceeding with this proposal to prepare a concept paper taking into account the comments of the members of the Committee, Taking that into consideration, I sent an e-mail to all members on 30th October 2013 in which I solicited concrete inputs from members of the Committee before 15th December so that I could prepare the concept paper to be presented to the 12th session of the Committee, I received one query from one member of the Committee which I respond to with the help of the secretariat.

The concept paper was then drafted taking into account the comments which were stated during the discussion of the proposal on the 11th session. Now, I wish to present to you colleagues this concept paper which came as a result of the discussions during the previous session.

The idea of the concept paper is to delegate the Committee by the Council to prepare a study on strengthening the current human rights system. However, the study will enable the Council and other international bodies determine their position towards strengthening the protection system. The study will focus on the ways and means of strengthening of human rights protection system. The basic reasoning underlying the proposal seemed to reflect the assumptions that it was desirable that there should be a comprehensive, universal and binding scheme for ensuring rights for all individuals.