

**Human Rights and Equality Institution
of the Republic of Turkey**

**Inputs of the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey Relating to A/RES/72/247
“Twentieth anniversary and promotion of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility
of Individuals, Groups and organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally
Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms”**

- Good practices of effective technical assistance and capacity-building and examples of positive impact or change as well as challenges related to the provision of support to States in the implementation of relevant human rights obligations and commitments

As set forth in its establishment law, the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey is operating as the sole equality body and national preventive mechanism as well as the national human rights institution (NHRI) of Turkey.

According to the establishment law dated 06.04.2016 and no. 6701, it is the Institution's duty to work with an aim to protect and promote human rights, prevent discrimination and remedy violations and to cooperate with international organizations, public institutions and agencies, non-governmental organizations, professional organizations and universities working in the field of protection of human rights and fight against discrimination in this regard.

Within this context, the Institution attaches great importance to working and collaborating with related institutions and organizations also including relevant units of the United Nations (UN) and Council of Europe.

As a national human rights institution established in compliance with the Paris Principles, amongst others, the Global Alliance of NRIs (GANHRI) and European Network of NRIs (ENNHRI) are the strategic partners of the Institution. In this regard, the Institution attends annual meetings of the mentioned organizations and also takes part in project undertaken by the ENNHRI on “role of the NRIs in conflict and post conflict situations” at advisor level and in working group on migrants and asylum seekers.

On the other hand, considering its worldwide expertise and experience in the field of human rights, its coordinating role in ensuring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and taking into account the Merida Declaration another notable partner of the Institution is the UN Development Fund.

In close cooperation and coordination with the Fund, the Institution organized two trainings on establishment of a NHRI in full compliance with the Paris Principles and human rights based approach respectively and attend an international seminar organized by the Fund on SDGs and a two-day training on fact finding.

In addition to that Institution signed a European Union Project Proposal under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance-IPA II/2017 Programming on “Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of National Human Rights Institution in Turkey” to be implemented with technical assistance of the UNDP through direct grant modality.

It is considered that mentioned contacts and activities supported the Institution to strengthen its relations with a wider community and improved its capacity.

On the other hand, besides relevant UN bodies, the Institution also collaborates with the CoE. Within this context the staff of the Institution attends the trainings given under the Joint Project



on Supporting the Individual Application to the Constitutional Court in Turkey which is technically assisted by the CoE.

This attendance is considered as a first step of more comprehensive activities to be undertaken with the CoE in near future.