



## Human Rights 75 Pledges and Vision on the Future of Human Rights Guidance for Civil Society Organisations

### What can I do as a CSO?

- Make Pledges
- Encourage States and others to make their pledges
- Share your vision on the future of human rights!

The [Human Rights 75 Initiative](#) aims to generate **pledges** that bring about concrete change towards greater enjoyment of human rights for all as well as a **vision** on the future of human rights.

### Human Rights 75 pledges

Human Rights 75 pledges are commitments to take a specific action, with the aim of promoting and protecting human rights. The High Commissioner invites State institutions (executive, legislative and judicial authorities), local and regional authorities, regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organisations, UN entities, international financial institutions, business, and young people and others to design transformative, innovative and catalytic pledges, which will have significant impact on the enjoyment of human rights in the respective country/region.

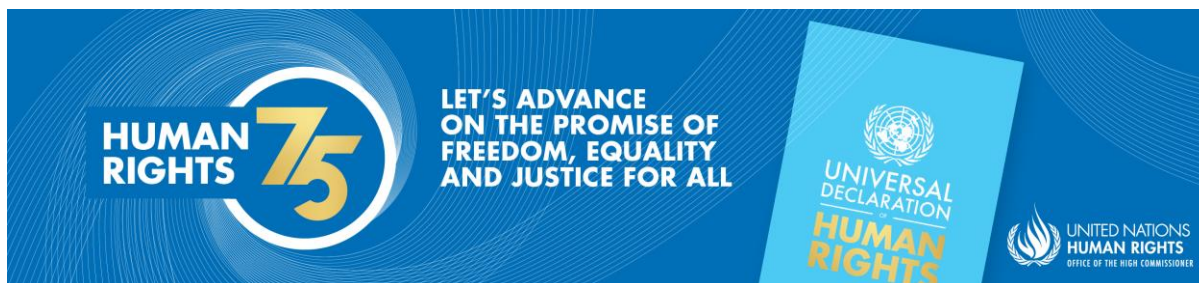
CSO Pledges can:

- Relate to actions at domestic, regional and global level.
- Be made with others!

Examples:

#### A. Support / advocate for legal or policy changes, e.g.

- Adoption or review of key legislation
- Adoption of a new policy/scheme or extending its beneficiaries
- Increase in budget allocation for human rights (e.g. health, education, labor, etc).
- Ratification of human rights conventions and optional protocols; lifting reservations to international human rights treaties
- Implementation of key recommendations made by international, regional or other human rights mechanisms, within a certain timeframe and with an action plan.
- Strengthening the independence of the judiciary;
- Establishing or strengthening an independent national human rights institution and/or a national mechanism for reporting and follow-up



**B. Advocate for, or organise activities, e.g.**

- holding consultations on specific issues/with specific groups
- campaigns to change public perceptions
- champion a theme or an issue – possibly in alliance with others

**C. Advocate for greater financial investment in human rights and human rights actors**

**Pledges should support the goals of Human Rights 75 to:**

1) revitalise a worldwide consensus on human rights

- E.g., what commitment can a CSO, or group of CSOs make to revitalise a global consensus on human rights?

2) look to the future, 25 years down the line

- what commitment can be made to address issues that are expected to escalate in the coming years – e.g. impact of climate change, new technologies, or inequalities?

3) bolster the human rights ecosystem

- what contribution can be made to strengthen the human rights ecosystem (e.g. to strengthen a national human rights institution or international and regional human rights mechanisms; to strengthen the integration of human rights in multilateral fora; to strengthen support to the UN Human Rights Office)?

Once you have your pledge(s) submit it through the [online platform](#) dedicated for this purpose.

All pledges will be made public during the December 2023 high-level event.

**Vision for the future of human rights**

One of the goals of the Human Rights 75 Initiative is to look to the future:

- \* Reflect on possible breakthroughs for human rights over the next 25 years;
- \* Be ready for future human rights challenges
- \* Innovate and broaden the tools/methodologies to respect and promote human rights.

Share your views! Some questions to guide your input include:



- What are the upcoming trends, risks, emerging issues related to human rights?
- What are their potential implications and opportunities?
- What does this mean for the human rights movement?
- What does this mean for the UN Human Rights Office?
- How can the United Nations further promote the universality and indivisibility of human rights?

You may wish to structure your input within the following four categories:

- Human rights-enhancing economy
- Climate change
- Power dynamics / peace and human rights
- New technologies

Please submit your contribution in a Word document not exceeding 3 pages, to:

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