

## **2017 STRATEGIC HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN PORTUGUESE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (PNHRC)**

- 1.** The PNHRC will discuss and identify national priorities for:
  - 1.1.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the UN General Assembly;
  - 1.2.** The UN Human Rights Council (ordinary and extraordinary sessions convened in 2017);
  - 1.3.** The UN Commission on the Status of Women;
  - 1.4.** The UN Commission for Social Development;
  - 1.5.** The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
  - 1.6.** The Human Dimension Committee of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.
  
- 2.** The PNHRC's Members will continue to implement Portugal's obligations in accordance with international human rights treaties to which it is a party to, by *inter alia*:
  - 2.1.** Continuing to implement the recommendations accepted by Portugal in the framework of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Universal Periodic Review by the Human Rights Council (September 2014);
  - 2.2.** Drafting the Interim Report on the implementation of the recommendations accepted by Portugal in the framework of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Universal Periodic Review by the Human Rights Council;
  - 2.3.** Updating the list of recommendations made to Portugal by the United Nations human rights treaty bodies, the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism, the Council of Europe and other human rights mechanisms of universal and regional scope.
  
- 3.** The PNHRC will adopt legislation and other necessary measures to fulfil Portugal's obligations on human rights.
  
- 4.** The PNHRC will coordinate the timely presentation of reports on the implementation of International Human Rights legal instruments to which Portugal is party to, namely by:
  - 4.1.** Preparing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and two Optional Protocols

to the Convention, on involvement of children in armed conflict and on sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (to be presented to the Committee on the Rights of the Child by the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017);

- 4.2.** Preparing the 7<sup>th</sup> Report on the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to be presented to the relevant Committee by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2017;
  - 4.3.** Updating the "Common Core Document" that must be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2017.
  - 4.4.** Preparing additional information on the implementation of recommendations concerning the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (paragraphs 12 and 65 of the Final Conclusions) to be submitted by 29 March 2017;
  - 4.5.** Preparing additional information on specific recommendations regarding the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (paragraphs 23 (c), 25 (b) and paragraph 37 of the Final Conclusions), to be submitted by 20 November 2017;
  - 4.6.** Preparing additional information on specific recommendations concerning the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (paragraphs 13 (c and d), 15 (a) and 21 (a) of the Final Conclusions), to be submitted by 29 November 2017;
  - 4.7.** Preparing the report in response to the questionnaire of the Council of Europe Convention for the Prevention and Combat of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) that will be circulated in May 2017, to be submitted by September 2017;
  - 4.8.** Distributing the General Comments and guidelines concerning Portugal issued by the UN Treaty Bodies.
- 5.** The PNHRC will work towards the signature and ratification, by Portugal, of the following Council of Europe International Human Rights Instruments:
- 5.1.** Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin;

- 5.2.** Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning Biomedical Research;
  - 5.3.** Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes;
  - 5.4.** European Agreement relating to Persons Participating in Proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights;
  - 5.5.** Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events.
  
- 6.** The PNHRC will share information on its activities, including on national human rights best practices, namely by:
  - 6.1.** Publicizing the 2017 Strategic Human Rights Action Plan and the PNHRC 2016 Annual Report to Embassies accredited in Lisbon, Portuguese Embassies and Missions around the world and to the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
  - 6.2.** Publicizing the work done by the PNHRC as the inter-ministerial human rights coordination entity that aims to promote an integrated approach to human rights policies.
  
- 7.** At the national level, the PNHCR will share information on human rights issues by way of:
  - 7.1.** The PNHRC website and the PNHRC Facebook page;
  - 7.2.** Regular contacts with civil society representatives in accordance with the Council of Ministers Resolution 27/2010;
  - 7.3.** A PNHRC Plenary meeting open to civil society to review the work carried out during the mandate of Portugal at the UN Human Rights Council, as well as meetings on other relevant subjects that may be identified;
  - 7.4.** PNHRC Working Group meetings with civil society representatives;
  - 7.5.** Specific initiatives by individual PNHRC members on human rights issues;
  - 7.6.** Reports on multiple discrimination.
  
- 8.** Within the framework of their respective competences, the PNHRC members will undertake the following initiatives:

- 8.1.** Continue to implement the Ministry of Finance Plan for Gender Equality (2014-2017);
- 8.2.** Continue to collect, analyze and share statistical information regarding Public Administration human resources, disaggregated by sex;
- 8.3.** Continue to implement financial support measures for the beneficiaries of Public Administration Social Services regarding education expenses, as well as for urgent and severe situations, according with relevant legislation;
- 8.4.** Continue to develop the national indicators to assess and measure the implementation of national policies concerning gender equality issues;
- 8.5.** Implement the Army Plan for the implementation of the V National Plan for Equality, Gender, Citizenship and Non-Discrimination (2014-2017); the Army Plan for the implementation of the Second National Plan of Action for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security (2014-2018); and to continue training the Army on combating sexual harassment;
- 8.6.** Increase the number of Navy personnel trained in fighting human trafficking;
- 8.7.** Hold three conferences on human rights issues at the Portuguese Air Force;
- 8.8.** As part of the work of the Institute of National Defence, hold conferences on several issues on human rights;
- 8.9.** Contribute to security, in line with the objectives of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. The National Republican Guard does so through the project "Grow in Security", the Public Security Police through the "I do as Falco" Program and also the Observatory for Human Trafficking (OTSH) through the bulletin "Statistics on Trafficking in Minors in Portugal 2008-2016";
- 8.10.** Implement and develop of Local Security Agreements for citizens, through the coordinated action between the Security Forces and Services;
- 8.11.** Develop a risk assessment study to enhance Security Force's interventions;
- 8.12.** Prepare a questionnaire to evaluate children's hearing and participation conditions in court proceedings;
- 8.13.** Carry out a cooperative action for cooperation officers in the area of Justice in the context of gender equality;

- 8.14.** Implement the Regional Commissions of the National Commission for the Promotion of the Rights and Protection of Children and Young People, in line with the new organizational structure of the Commission;
- 8.15.** Develop a National Strategy for Children's Rights;
- 8.16.** Promote a refresher training session on the realization of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for the Ministry of Labor, Solidarity and Social Security officers, open to members of the PNHRC;
- 8.17.** Raise awareness of heritage, accessibility, diversity and inclusion.;
- 8.18.** Promote access to culture for all by supporting and enhancing cultural diversity and/or promoting cultural and artistic activities for the most vulnerable social groups, as well as in vulnerable areas;
- 8.19.** Enable artistic experimentation and creation by all;
- 8.20.** Continue to improve the Health Sector human resources' capacity on "health and migrations" at the national level, with the Regional Health Administrations;
- 8.21.** Implement the Strategy on the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- 8.22.** Make the information on the Directorate-General for Health website available in more languages;
- 8.23.** Distribute a brochure targeted at migrants on access to and pursuit of economic activity;
- 8.24.** Promote the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the Guiding Principles for Enterprises;
- 8.25.** Continue to donate property seized as part of criminal proceedings and administrative offences to social support and welfare institutions;
- 8.26.** Continue to develop the Social Leasing Market;
- 8.27.** Continue to assign social housing and provide tailor-made housing solutions to address the housing needs of households with low income and/or other situations of vulnerability and social emergency;
- 8.28.** Continue to implement the "School Fruit Scheme", an initiative which consists of the free distribution of fruit and vegetables twice a week to school children in the 1st cycle of basic education who attends public schools;
- 8.29.** Continue to implement the "School Milk" program, that consists of the daily distribution of milk or dairy products to pre-school,

primary and secondary education students (0.25 liters of milk-equivalent per student);

- 8.30.** Continue the implementation of the gender equality Plan of the Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development Ministry 2014-2017;
- 8.31.** Continue ERSAR's study on social measures on the water and waste sector;
- 8.32.** Share and implement the Educational National Strategy for Citizenship;
- 8.33.** Consolidate and widen initiatives on the rights of youth;
- 8.34.** Continue to implement the approved measures for education, within the European Migration Agenda;
- 8.35.** Develop and implement measures to combat discrimination against women and to promote equality in the labor market and enterprises;
- 8.36.** Enhance the Strategy to Fight Against Domestic and Gender Violence, which aims to provide answers in the entire national by developing a network that promotes the minimum necessary conditions to support and protect the victims, assuring financial, technical and logistical support;
- 8.37.** Develop new national plans in the areas of citizenship, equality, non-discrimination, gender and domestic violence, and human trafficking, in line with the 2030 Agenda objectives;
- 8.38.** Implement an strategy for citizenship, which promotes human rights and the prevention and the combat against discrimination;
- 8.39.** Continue to work with the civil society to implement public policies in the areas of citizenship, equality and non-discrimination;
- 8.40.** Organize awareness-raising campaigns to prevent gender and domestic violence, as well as human trafficking;
- 8.41.** Enhancing measures to combat multiple discrimination;
- 8.42.** Continue to promote religious diversity and inter-religious dialogue;
- 8.43.** Continue to finance civil society projects to fight discrimination against Roma communities;
- 8.44.** Mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the abolition of the death penalty in Portugal and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.