



# National Strategy on Human Rights of the Republic of Tajikistan for the Period Until 2038

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Дар бораи Стратегияи миллии Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон  
дар соҳаи хифзи ҳуқуқи инсон барои давраи то соли 2038

Мустобики моддаҳои 4 ва 12 Қонуни Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон «Дар бораи банақшагирии стратегӣ ва дурнамосозии давлатӣ» Ҳукумати Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон қ а р о р м е к у н а д:

1. Стратегияи миллии Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон дар соҳаи хифзи ҳуқуқи инсон барои давраи то соли 2038 ва Нақшаи амали солҳои 2023-2025 ба Стратегияи миллии Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон дар соҳаи хифзи ҳуқуқи инсон барои давраи то соли 2038 таслиқ карда шаванд (заминаҳои 1 ва 2).

2. Вазорату идораҳои дахлдор ва мақомоти иҷроияи маҳаллии ҳокимияти давлатӣ оид ба амалисозии Стратегияи мазкур ва Нақшаи амали он тадбирҳои зарурӣ андешида, аз нагнча ҳамасона то 10 феврал ба Ҳукумати Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон маълумот пешинҳол намояд.

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О Национальной стратегии Республики Таджикистан  
в области защиты прав человека на период до 2038 года

В соответствии со статьями 4 и 12 Закона Республики Таджикистан «О стратегическом планировании и государственном прогнозировании» Правительство Республики Таджикистан постановляет:

1. Утвердить Национальную стратегию Республики Таджикистан в области защиты прав человека на период до 2038 года и План действий 2023-2025 годов Национальной стратегии Республики Таджикистан в области защиты прав человека на период до 2038 года (приложения 1 и 2).

2. Соответствующим министерствам, ведомствам и местным исполнительным органам государственной власти принять необходимые меры по реализации настоящей Национальной стратегии и её Плана действий и по результатам ежегодно до 10 февраля представлять информацию в Правительство Республики Таджикистан.

Председатель  
Правительства Республики  
Таджикистан



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**Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

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On the National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Field of  
Human Rights Protection for the period up to 2038

In accordance with Articles 4 and 12 of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Strategic Planning and State Forecasting” the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan decrees:

1. To approve the National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Field of Human Rights Protection for the period up to 2038 and the Action Plan for 2023-2025 of the National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Field of Human Rights Protection for the period up to 2038 (Annexes 1 and 2).

2. The relevant ministries, agencies and local executive authorities to take necessary measures on the implementation of this National Strategy and its Action Plan and provide information on the results to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan annually by February 10.

Chairman of the

Government of the Republic of  
Tajikistan

(sealed)

Emomali Rahmon

National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Field of Human Rights  
Protection for the period up to 2038

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Field of Human Rights Protection for the period up to 2038 (hereinafter referred to as the National Strategy) defines long-term goals and objectives in the field of human rights and considers the development of a progressive and unified intersectoral policy aimed at strengthening the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

2. The Constitution of the Republic of Tajikistan determines that a person, his rights and freedoms are the supreme value, and they are recognized, respected and protected by the state.

3. The Constitution of Tajikistan establishes the priority of recognized international legal acts over legislation. International legal acts recognized by Tajikistan are an integral part of the legal system of the country, and in case of their inconsistency with the laws of the country, the norms of international legal acts are applied.

4. Legislative activities in the field of human rights are carried out on the basis of compliance with the principles of legality, the priority of the norms of international legal acts recognized by Tajikistan in relation to laws and by-laws, and the primary protection of rights and freedoms of a person and citizen.

5. The Republic of Tajikistan became a member of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as the UN) on March 2, 1992, and thus laid a solid foundation for the development of its cooperation with institutions, agencies and specialized organizations of the UN system. To implement international obligations in the field of human rights, the state develops mechanisms and procedures to improve national legislation and practice at the national level.

6. With the aim of coordinating the activities of state bodies on implementation of the international legal obligations of the Republic of Tajikistan in the field of human rights, a Commission under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Ensuring the Implementation of International Obligations in the Field of Human Rights (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) was established

in March 2002 by a decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The Commissioner for Human Rights and the Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights, the Commissioner for Child's Rights may take part in the meetings of the Commission with the right of an advisory vote as permanent observers. The regulation of the Commission also provides for the participation of representatives of civil society in the meetings of the Commission with the right of an advisory vote.

7. The Department of Human Rights Guarantees of the Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan serves as a Secretariat of the Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Secretariat of the Commission).

8. During the period of 2010-2022, Tajikistan passed the procedure of the Universal Periodic Review for three times, submitted reports to the UN human rights treaty bodies, and eleven Special Procedures mandates visited the country at the invitation of the Government and provided their recommendations. As a result, more than 1 000 recommendations were received from UN bodies, which cover almost all issues of human rights promotion and protection.

9. Since 2013, 20 national action plans have been adopted to implement the recommendations of the UN treaty bodies.

10. The plans provide for a set of measures aimed at implementing the recommendations of the UN human rights mechanisms, as well as the timing of their implementation and the responsible state bodies.

11. Along with this, various strategic documents in the field of human rights have been adopted, including:

- The Concept of Continuous Education in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2017-2023, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 28, of January 25, 2017;

- The National Strategy for Education Development of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period up to 2030, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 526, of September 29, 2020;

- The State Programme on Prevention of Domestic Violence in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2014-2023, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 294, of May 3, 2014;

- The Programme of Judicial and Legal Reform in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2015-2017, approved by Decree of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 327, of January 5, 2015;

- The National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period up to 2030, approved by Decision of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli No. 636, of December 1, 2016;

- The Programme of Judicial and Legal Reform in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2019-2021, approved by Decree of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 1242, of April 19, 2019;

- The Concept of Providing Free Legal Aid in the Republic of Tajikistan, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 425, of July 2, 2015;

- The Programme for Reforming the Justice System for Children for 2017-2021, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 322, of June 29, 2017;

- National Programme on Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency for 2020-2024, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 431, of July 30, 2020;

- National Plan on Countering Trafficking in Person in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2019-2021, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 80, of March 1, 2019;

- Strategy for Reforming the Criminal Penalties Execution System of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period up to 2030, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 385, of June 25, 2020;

- The Programme on Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration of Minors, who served their sentences in institutions of deprivation of liberty or restriction of liberty for 2020-2024, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 387, of June 25, 2020;

- The Programme of Human Rights Education for 2022-2026, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 565, of December 30, 2021;

- Strategy for Development of Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period up to 2040, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 577, of November 29, 2022;

- The Programme for Reforming the Justice System for Children for 2023-2027, approved by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 310, of June 30, 2023.

12. The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is convinced that the legal framework alone is not sufficient to ensure adequate protection of human rights in the state. The promotion and effective protection of human rights requires the adoption of policies, the creation and improvement of state institutions and the development of comprehensive measures. In this regard, the National Action Plan was adopted by order of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan dated April 1, 2023 to implement the recommendations of the member states of the UN Human Rights Council in accordance with the UPR procedure for 2023-2026, which provides for the development and adoption of the National Strategy.

13. The National Strategy harmonizes all current and adopted national plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the UN human rights mechanisms and other documents in the field of human rights and improves the

mechanisms and procedures for the implementation of international obligations in the field of human rights.

14. Taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the National Strategy will develop mechanisms for interaction and coordination with the National Development Strategy of Tajikistan for the period up to 2030 in order to ensure a legal approach based on human rights in the process of implementation of the National Development Strategy.

15. The National Strategy is based on the recommendations of the UN human rights bodies provided to the Republic of Tajikistan in the period of 2010-2023 and the Sustainable Development Goals adopted within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

16. The National Strategy is an effective tool for the implementation of a unified policy in the field of protection of human rights and freedoms, provided for by the Constitution of the Republic of Tajikistan and international obligations of the Republic of Tajikistan.

17. The adoption of the National Strategy will contribute to the formation of respect for human rights and freedoms and further strengthening the prestige of the country in the international arena.

## 2. ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND MAIN ISSUES

18. The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan attaches great importance to the process of fulfilling its international obligations in the field of human rights and is making efforts to develop a policy in the field of human rights, bring the country's legislation in line with international standards, carry out reforms of the state system, using a human rights-based approach.

19. In recent years, new laws have been adopted, amendments and additions have been introduced to the country's legislation in order to implement the recommendations of the UN structures. However, there are areas that require further improvement of the legislation.

20. The set of recommendations relates to reform issues in various systems, such as continuing the reform of the judiciary and ensuring the independence of the judiciary, establishing an effective juvenile justice system, as well as reforming the penitentiary system.

21. A large number of recommendations are aimed at creating effective mechanisms for preventing and combating torture in Tajikistan:

- independent monitoring of places of deprivation and restriction of freedom and access of international and national institutions for monitoring;

- centralized system of recording and registration of arrest;
- an independent mechanism for receiving complaints and an effective criminal investigation of torture;

- mechanisms and programmes for the rehabilitation of victims of torture.

22. The recommendations in the field of the child's rights concern the development of a comprehensive policy and strategy on the rights of the child, covering all children and all issues, and allocating adequate human and financial resources for their implementation.

23. The Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan" was adopted in 2008 and on 27 May 2009 the first Commissioner for Human Rights was appointed. In April 2012, the institution of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Tajikistan (CHR) passed the accreditation procedure in the Subcommittee on Accreditation of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, as a result of which the CHR was accredited with the status "B" and received appropriate recommendations. The UN structures provided Tajikistan with a series of recommendations regarding the strengthening of the activities of the CHR in accordance with the Paris Principles, including the independence of the CHR and its apparatus, the strengthening of the CHR apparatus and its representative offices in the field, including through a gradual increase in funding for the activities of the CHR.

24. The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan adopted the State Programme for Human Rights Education for 2013-2020 on December 3, 2012. The Programme is based on the United Nations Second Decade for Human Rights Education and focuses on the education and professional training of judges, civil servants, law enforcement agencies, military personnel, as well as human rights education in schools and higher education institutions. State bodies conduct educational activities, including the preparation of methodological manuals and guidelines in the field of human rights through their own advanced training systems, as well as in cooperation with civil society institutions and international organizations.

25. The state was recommended to pay serious attention to the formation of a culture of human rights, to continue its efforts to educate human rights in the general education system, as well as for representatives of various professions, including law enforcement agencies and civil servants.

26. Statistical data and indicators in the field of human rights play a significant role in the implementation of international human rights obligations. The Committee against Torture recommended that the Government of Tajikistan to collect statistical data relevant to monitoring the implementation of the Convention against Torture at the national level, including data on complaints, investigations, cases initiated and



convictions in connection with cases of torture and ill-treatment, trafficking in person and domestic and sexual violence, as well as the means of redress, in particular data on compensation and rehabilitation provided to victims.

27. It is also recommended to improve the system of collecting statistical data in various areas of human rights, including on all forms of violence against women, the situation of migrant workers and members of their families, on all persons under the age of 18 that are necessary for analyzing the situation of children and developing targeted policies.

28. Recommendations have been provided by UN bodies regarding the revision of budgetary policy and the allocation of resources for the implementation of human rights. As a general measure, the state was recommended to strengthen the capacity of public officials in the field of budgeting, planning, monitoring and evaluating the impact of investments at the central and local levels, and to establish a monitoring and evaluation system for various existing subsidy programmes.

29. Some of the recommendations relate to a more active policy of promoting gender equality, empowering women, eliminating gender discrimination in the society, family and labour market. A separate block highlights recommendations regarding the expansion of women's participation in political life, and their representation in state bodies and in the field of vocational education.

30. The right to humane treatment and respect for human dignity includes a whole range of measures aimed at improving the conditions of detention of persons in custody. The recommendations relate to the reform of penitentiary institutions, including monitoring and evaluation of penitentiary institutions, increasing the capacity of prisons, changing the policy and practice of the execution of punishment, taking into account rehabilitation and reintegration, the publication of statistical data on the size of the prison population, as well as the implementation of the UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners (Bangkok rules). A series of recommendations related to the revision of legislation and the conditions of detention of persons sentenced to long terms of imprisonment and life imprisonment.

31. The recommendations on the prohibition of slavery and prevention of human trafficking in persons are aimed at taking effective and efficient measures to prevent trafficking in persons, including the establishment of procedures and the allocation of appropriate resources necessary for identification of victims of trafficking in person, operational investigation to locate the whereabouts, in particular, of abducted persons, prosecuting perpetrators, providing redress to victims of trafficking in person, and cooperating with neighbouring states.

32. Another group of recommendations concerns the issues of ensuring freedom of religion and religious associations, ensuring freedom of expression and association in accordance with international human rights standards, adopting a

programme and policy in order to strengthen interreligious dialogue and tolerance, continuing the combat with all forms of discrimination against persons belonging to religious minorities.

33. As a general measure, it was recommended that Tajikistan continues taking further steps to strengthen the judiciary system, including through the implementation of a judicial sector reform programme and ensuring open, fair and independent trials in line with international fair trial standards.

34. With regard to the independence of the judiciary, it is recommended to take effective measures for ensuring the competence, independence and security of tenure of judges, including by revising the procedure for their appointment, promotion and dismissal, ensuring decent wages, curtailing the excessive powers of the prosecutor's office and granting independence to the qualification commission.

35. UN bodies drew attention to the ongoing reform of the bar system in the country and recommended ensuring the freedom of lawyers to perform their professional duties, to refrain from any interference of executive structures in the exercise of their professional duties by lawyers.

36. With respect to juvenile justice, it is recommended to ensure the establishment of a juvenile justice system in full compliance with international standards, ensure the compliance with the minimum age of criminal responsibility, and provide them with protection without resorting to the criminal justice system, so that the juvenile justice system is established with particular emphasis on rehabilitation and reintegration activities.

37. Separate recommendations were provided on the promotion of socio-economic human rights. Recommendations of a general nature concern the drafting of strategies in the field of development in order to improve living standards, public disclosure of information on the situation with external debt in order to ensure the accountability of the competent authorities and officials, allow the assessment of the budget situation, increase transparency in the field of obtaining, managing and spending official development funds, as well as increase efforts in the fields of health, education, safeguarding the interests and protection of the rights of women and children, and stimulate overall socio-economic development.

38. The recommendations are aimed at taking measures to ensure the right to work, including continuation of activities towards the implementation of the right of all people to work, intensifying its efforts to further reduce unemployment, particularly among women, youth and persons with disabilities and in rural areas, especially through the implementation of special targeted programmes to stimulate economic growth and development.

39. In terms of taking general measures, Tajikistan was recommended to continue the work on strengthening and expanding the coverage of the right to

education, especially with regard to the education of children, take all necessary measures for the effective implementation of the strategic programme for ensuring universal education, and strengthen national mechanisms to ensure access to proper education.

40. Regarding the introduction of an inclusive education system, Tajikistan needs to promote inclusive education for children with disabilities, including by allocating resources to provide reasonable accommodation and additional vocational training for teachers, as well as take effective measures on non-discrimination of children with disabilities in the regular education system.

41. It is necessary to expand access to pre-school education and take measures to promote pre-school education, especially among low-income families, raising parental awareness of the importance of early childhood development and education, encourage non-formal community mechanisms in this regard, and develop a comprehensive early childhood development plan.

42. It is recommended to intensify efforts to reduce child poverty, in particular by mitigating the impact of the economic crisis on children, to pay special attention to families and children in the development of its poverty reduction strategies, which should include targeted measures to protect children from the negative impact of poverty on their development, health and education, ensure that the needs of children are taken into account in poverty reduction strategies and encourage the participation of parents and children in the development of such strategies.

### 3. GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND MAIN PRINCIPLES OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY

43. The main goal of the National Strategy is to ensure the priority of human rights and basic freedoms as a key factor in state policy, which determines the main tasks and directions for the development of legislation, policy and law enforcement practice in decision-making by state bodies.

44. The main objectives of the National Strategy are:

- further improvement of the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Tajikistan and international obligations of the Republic of Tajikistan in the field of human rights, recommendations of the UN bodies and other international and intergovernmental human rights bodies;

- development and adoption of comprehensive measures to implement legislation aimed at promoting and protecting basic human rights and freedoms in accordance with the recommendations of the UN bodies;

- improving the mechanisms of interaction and coordination on human rights issues between state bodies and local self-governing bodies in close cooperation with national human rights institutions, as well as civil society institutions;

- taking effective measures to foster a culture of human rights through the implementation of educational programmes in the field of human rights in the education system, and also training for representatives of state bodies, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, judges, lawyers and other professionals, as well as through civil society and mass media;

- systematically assessing the available financial resources for the implementation of activities aimed at the promotion and protection of human rights in order to increase or redistribute budgetary allocations for the most complete implementation of a set of measures aimed at implementing the recommendations of the UN human rights mechanisms;

- development and implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated and effective system for collecting disaggregated data with breakup by age, gender, geographic location, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability, etc., as well as analyzing, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of human rights in order to develop targeted human rights policy;

- ratification of international treaties in the field of human rights;

- continue the strengthening of cooperation with national human rights institutions and civil society on human rights issues by organizing consultations and expanding dialogue, systematic involvement in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, plans and programmes in the field of human rights.

45. The implementation of the National Strategy will lead to the introduction of a systematic approach to achieving goals and ensuring coordinated actions of state bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society and local self-governing bodies in the field of human rights and freedoms, establishing an effective and accessible mechanism for the respect of human rights and basic freedoms in the country.

46. The National Strategy is based on the following principles:

- human rights-based approach – serves to ensure that all officials and civil servants (at all levels of public administration) comply with human rights obligations, thereby ensuring the functioning of a more transparent and accountable system of public administration;

- continuity of the process, requiring regular legal, institutional and practical changes, which should be reflected in the activities of all civil servants in order to ensure the fulfilment of duties and obligations arising from human rights, which are an integral part of their working culture;

- openness and transparency in the implementation of the National Strategy in order to maximize the involvement of all stakeholders in the implementation of the National Strategy and monitoring;
- specificity and achievability of goals and measurability of the expected results of the implementation of the National Strategy;
- ensuring equality and non-discrimination in the implementation of the National Strategy and the respect for human rights and basic freedoms.

#### 4. STRATEGIC AREAS OF ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING

47. The main and important areas of activities for the implementation of the National Strategy are:

- strengthening national mechanisms and procedures for the promotion and protection of human rights;
- ensuring the right to life, developing effective mechanisms for the prevention and effective investigation of all cases of arbitrary deprivation of life;
- development of an effective system for the prevention, investigation, prosecution and protection from torture and ill-treatment, as well as the provision of effective means of redress, including compensation and rehabilitation for victims of torture and ill-treatment and their families;
- development (improvement) of effective procedures for judicial investigation of cases related to trafficking in person and other forms of modern slavery and the protection of victims, as well as a system for the prevention, detection (identification) and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking in person and other forms of modern slavery and the provision of appropriate services to them;
- improvement of the legislation and law enforcement practice on the right to freedom and personal integrity, current legal framework for all forms of detention and arrest, including administrative detention in accordance with international standards and recommendations of UN bodies;
- creation (improvement) of the penitentiary system based on respect for human dignity in accordance with international standards;
- further ensure the strengthening of an independent, efficient and transparent system of justice, accessible to all, with guarantees of the right to a fair trial, including ensuring the independence of judges and lawyers;
- providing basic guarantees for the right to freedom of expression, association, peaceful assembly and religion in accordance with international human rights standards;

- encouragement of a multifaceted and pluralistic society, providing guarantees for the participation of citizens in the management of state affairs, in elections and referendums;
- ensuring the right to equality and prohibition of all forms of discrimination in accordance with international human rights standards;
- promoting the achievement of gender equality, the protection of women's rights and the prevention of domestic violence, as well as an effective response to the consequences of the use of violence;
- providing basic guarantees for the right to adequate housing, the provision of adequate housing and shelters, as well as the implementation of measures in case of forced evictions;
- ensuring access of the population to safe drinking water and sanitation;
- taking effective measures to achieve the right to the highest attainable standard of mental and physical health, including access to health care and sexual and reproductive health and services;
- taking (strengthening) effective measures to ensure the right to quality education in an inclusive environment;
- ensuring the full implementation of the guarantees of the right to work, equal pay, social security and social insurance in accordance with international obligations;
- fully ensure the enjoyment of their rights by children and their comprehensive development;
- include a human rights-based approach in the development and implementation of policies to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, in close consultation with persons with disabilities and their representative organizations;
- provide basic guarantees of the rights of migrant workers and members of their families located in the territory and under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Tajikistan and citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan who are in labour migration outside the country, in accordance with international obligations in the field of human rights;
- ensuring unhindered access to asylum procedures and protecting the rights of asylum seekers and refugees, as well as effective measures aimed at reducing and preventing statelessness.

48. Financing of the National Strategy is carried out within the framework of the provided budgetary funds, as well as other extrabudgetary funds, funding from development partners, grants and additional sources not prohibited by the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

## 5. IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY

49. The implementation of the National Strategy and Action Plans is ensured by joint actions of state bodies, the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan, civil society institutions with the support of the UN, and other international organizations at all its stages.

50. Action Plans for three years will be developed for the effective implementation of the goals and objectives of the National Strategy, which will indicate specific actions, results, implementation deadlines and responsible state bodies. All activities envisaged in the Action Plans should be carried out in close cooperation with civil society institutions.

51. Monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of the implementation of the National Strategy and Action Plans will be carried out in accordance with the established procedure throughout its entire implementation period. Consultations will be held with representatives of state bodies, civil society and international organizations involved in the implementation of the National Strategy.

52. Semi-annual and annual evaluations will be carried out in order to evaluate the results, analyse progress against the set goals and objectives, identify challenges, develop effective measures to address the identified challenges and ensure the successful implementation of the National Strategy.

53. The Secretariat of the Commission ensures the coordination of the implementation of the National Strategy and Action Plans, including their monitoring and evaluation. Authorized persons of ministries and agencies in charge of human rights issues submit a report on the results of the implementation of the Action Plans of the National Strategy to the Secretariat of the Commission every six months.

Annex 2  
To the Government Resolution  
No. 357 of the Republic of Tajikistan  
as of August 5, 2023

Action Plan 2023-2025 of the National Human Rights Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period to 2038

№	Actions	Due dates (years)	In charge of implementati on	Expected outcomes
	1. NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS			
1.	Strengthening the performance of the Secretariat of the Commission under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on enforcing international human rights commitments and the Commission under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on the Rights of the Child by means of a needs assessment of the Human Rights Office of the Executive Apparatus of the President of Tajikistan ( required human and technical resources) and taking the necessary steps to strengthen the activities of the Commissions' secretariats based on this analysis.	2023-2024	Executive Apparatus of the President (EAP)	Commission Secretariats - Human Rights Office of the EAP is adequately resourced with human, technical and financial capacities to carry out its activities
2.	Building a unified resource database for statistical and other information on the activities of the Republic of Tajikistan to meet its international human rights commitments (state statistical information, reports and studies, previous communication with UN bodies, etc.), available to all officials of public authorities.	2023-2025	EAP	A unified resource database has been set up to establish an institutional framework for the efforts of government



				bodies in this area; the accumulated statistics and other relevant information will make it possible to promptly process information to produce national reports for the UN treaty bodies; effective monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the UN treaty bodies will be ensured; Ministry and agency officials will have access to the database, enabling an effective communication and interaction mechanism to be put in place
3.	Developing a data collection and processing methodology towards implementing the recommendations of UN agencies and monitoring the implementation of recommendations and action plans	2023-2025	EAP, Ministries and agencies	A data collection and processing tool has been developed, and efficient collection and processing of relevant Human Rights information has been ensured, which will help to improve the quality of information

				provided to UN agencies.
4.	Systematic trainings on human rights and mechanisms to implement international human rights obligations for human rights officials of ministries and agencies	2023–2025	EAP, Ministries and agencies	At least 10 educational events have been held for human rights officials of ministries and agencies
5.	Studying the introduction of amendments to the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan on criminal cases review involving recommendations of the UN treaty bodies on individual petitions	2023–2025	EAP, GP, SC	Based on the study findings, proposals were made on improving the procedural legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan on the potential revision of court cases involving recommendations of the UN treaty bodies for individual appeals.
6.	Setting up a working group in the Commission under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on the fulfillment of international human rights commitments (HRC) for reviewing all recommendations made on individual applications and taking the required individual and general actions to implement them.	2023–2025	HRC	The Working Group has been formed and functioning, UN Human Rights Committee's recommendations have been paid heed to, and specific actions have been taken to implement them
7.	Making amendments to the Law on Ombudsman of the Republic of Tajikistan and other regulations to implement the recommendations of the Accreditation Subcommittee of	2023–2025	EAP, Ombudsman, MoJ, MF, MFA	A working group under the Human Rights Office has drafted amendments

	the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (NIHR) in line with Paris Principles.			to the regulations on the activities of the Human Rights Office, which were widely discussed; amendments to the regulations on the activities of the Human Rights Office were approved in line with the Paris Principles.
8.	Introducing steps to strengthen the work of the Office of Ombudsman by analyzing the needs of the Office of the Ombudsman, public receptions and local offices of the Ombudsman	2023–2025	Ombudsman, EAP, MF	Needs assessment for the efficient performance of the Ombudsman's office, public receptions and Ombudsman's field offices has been carried out
9.	Developing and submitting specific proposals to the Government of Tajikistan and relevant state bodies on human and financial resources for the effective performance of the Ombudsman's Office and gradual transition of public receptions of the Ombudsman's Office towards the state budget and funding of Ombudsman's field structures out of republican budget	2023–2025	Ombudsman, EAP, MF	Specific proposals on human, technical and financial resources for the effective performance of the Ombudsman's office have been developed and submitted to the Government of Tajikistan and relevant state bodies, and its budget has been gradually increased

10.	Increasing the payroll staff and creating additional dedicated departments (units), representative offices and public receptions for the Ombudsman's Office	2023–2024	EAP, MF	Following the enactment of regulatory acts providing for the Ombudsman as an authorized body, supplementary dedicated units have been established, staffed and technically and financially resourced to perform as stipulated in the regulatory acts
11.	Regular educational and awareness-raising activities for the Ombudsman's staff, public receptions and field offices on human rights issues and types of actions to protect public interests	2023–2025	Ombudsman	A minimum of 10 educational events on human rights issues were held
<b>2. THE RIGHT TO LIFE</b>				
12.	In-depth review of the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)	2023–2024	EAP, MFA, GP	The study resulted in proposals for ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR
13.	Consideration of the elimination of death penalty as a criminal punishment from the Criminal Code of Tajikistan	2023–2025	EAP, GP	Based on the review outcome, the following proposals were made
14.	Developing an effective statistical information management system for all cases of deprivation of life, including registration of deaths, investigations, prosecutions and convictions, in the State penitentiary institutions, places of pre-trial detention and custody, investigative bodies and the judicial system as regards cases handled.	2023–2025	GP, SC, MoJ, MFA, MIA, SNSC, DCA, PFCACA	Statistical information management system developed and functioning effectively

15.	Strengthening the legislation on the use of force and firearms in line with international human rights standards	2023–2025	GP, MIA, SNSC, PFCACA, DCA, MoJ	Laws on the use of force and firearms improved to comply with international standards
16.	Developing guidelines/instructions for the thorough, comprehensive and fair investigation of all cases of deprivation of life, including in places of detention and the enforcement of criminal sentences	2023–2025	GP, MIA, SNSC, PFCACA, DCA, MoJ	Methodological guidelines/instructions have been developed and approved, staff of prosecutor's offices, law enforcement, investigative and security agencies, places of restriction and deprivation of liberty are informed about them and apply them in practice.
17.	Systematic refresher courses for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and security personnel, prison staff and lawyers on the right to life, thorough, comprehensive and fair investigation of all cases of deprivation of life, including on the use of force and firearms	2023–2025	GP, MIA, SNSC, PFCACA, DCA, MoJ, Ombudsman, SC, CA	Training programs on the right to life, thorough, comprehensive and fair investigation of all cases of deprivation of life, including the use of force and firearms, have been developed by public authorities and judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and security agencies, and the penitentiary

				system have been involved in training on these issues.
18.	Developing and enacting a resolution of the Plenum of the Supreme Court on addressing criminal cases involving deprivation of life	2023–2025	SC, GP	A resolution of the Plenum of the Supreme Court on addressing criminal cases involving deprivation of life has been adopted and judges are briefed on the text of the Resolution.
19.	Completing the construction of the projected DNA laboratory in Dushanbe	2023–2025	MHSPP, MoJ	DNA laboratory in Dushanbe built and functioning
20.	Trainings to strengthen forensic capacity on international standards on the right to life, including the Minnesota Protocol for the Investigation of Allegedly Unlawful Deprivation of Life	2023–2025	MHSPP, MoJ	Educational program for forensic experts on international standards of the right to life developed and trainings and refresher courses on international standards of the right to life conducted
21.	Building a DNA database of families of persons reported missing without trace	2023–2025	MHSPP, GP	Dushanbe DNA Laboratory Database established and functioning
22.	Studying the introduction of specific provisions in the Criminal Code of Tajikistan on the prohibition of enforced	2023-2025	EAP, GP	As a result of the study, proposals were made for enhancing the

	disappearance, which provides for the imposition of appropriate penalties proportionate to the extreme gravity of this crime, which should encompass various types of criminal liability, including for any person who commits or attempts to commit an act of enforced disappearance, acts as an accomplice or a party thereto, individual criminal liability for such crimes on the basis of the following provisions Individual criminal liability for such crimes on the part of commanding or superior officers and the explicit reservation that enforced disappearance constitutes a continuing crime for which no amnesty, immunities and statute of limitations may be applied			Criminal Code of Tajikistan
<b>3. FREEDOM FROM TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT</b>				
23.	Continuing to enhance the laws of the Republic of Tajikistan on the prevention of torture and ill-treatment in line with the requirements of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2023–2025	GP, SC, MoJ	Draft regulatory and legal acts have been developed, public consultations have been held and amendments have been introduced in the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan on prevention from torture and ill-treatment
24.	Drafting and enacting a law on non-governmental appraisal	2023–2025	MoJ, GP, SC	The draft law has been elaborated, broadly discussed and the law on non-government

				appraisal has been enacted
25.	Developing legal and institutional norms for an effective response and investigation mechanism in criminal cases of torture and other forms of ill-treatment	2023–2025	GP, SC, MoJ, Ombudsman EAP	Other countries' best practices in putting in place (improving) an effective response and investigation mechanism for criminal cases involving torture and ill-treatment have been studied, and proposals have been made and extensively discussed
26.	Taking actions to implement an effective response and investigation mechanism for criminal cases of torture and ill-treatment, ensuring technical and human resource support for the mechanism	2025	GP	A mechanism for effective response and investigation of criminal cases of torture and ill-treatment has been introduced and actions have been taken to support the mechanism with technical and human resources
27.	Trainings and refresher courses for officers of inquiry and investigative bodies on human rights issues in the criminal justice system	2023–2025	GP, MIA, PFCACA, DCA	A training program has been developed and is being constantly improved, and trainings are being delivered to the staff of



				inquiry and investigative bodies on human rights issues in criminal justice system
28.	Examining the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) and taking steps towards developing a National Preventive Mechanism	2023-2025	MFA, MoJ, Ombudsman	As a result of the study, proposals have been made to ratify the OPCAT and actions have been taken to establish a National Preventive Mechanism
29.	Trainings for representatives of the prosecutor's office, Ministry of Justice, GUIN of the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, law enforcement agencies to improve knowledge and skills on the rights of persons deprived of liberty, the OPCAT and competent frameworks for the prevention of torture in places of deprivation and restriction of liberty	2023-2025	Ombudsman, MoJ, GP, MIA, DCA, PFCACA, SNSC, MoD, MHSPP	Training programs were developed for representatives of prosecutor's offices, MoJ, GUIN MoJ, MHSPP, law enforcement agencies and at least 5 trainings were delivered for representatives of each group
30.	Strengthening of Prison Monitoring Team under the Ombudsman by way of trainings on the rights of detainees and monitoring of prisons, and development of a procedure for monitoring team visits to detention facilities.	2023-2025	Ombudsman	Trainings have been conducted for the monitoring team and the team pays regular visits to detention facilities
31.	Continuous professional development of the Ombudsman's staff	2023-2025	Ombudsman	The Ombudsman's staff have been trained on monitoring of detention facilities, they pay regular visits

				to detention facilities on their own and as part of a monitoring group, recommendations based on the results of the visits are transmitted to the relevant state bodies and the recommendations of the Ombudsman are monitored for implementation
32.	Developing legislative and enforcement frameworks for medical examinations of detainees in accord with the Istanbul Protocol standards, which should comprise the examination of detainees only by public health and private doctors, a procedure whereby a medical examination report and/ or forensic medical examination of detainees revealing signs of psychological and physical violence should be submitted to the prosecutor's office, and a copy of the examination report should be shared with the prosecutor's office.	2023–2025	MHSPP, GP	Proposals on an effective mechanism for medical examination of detainees in accord with the Istanbul Protocol standards were developed, relevant laws and regulations were modified, and internal documents were issued.
33.	Implementing educational programs in Medical Universities in line with Istanbul Protocol standards (on academic disciplines of pre- and post-graduate trainings for health professionals)	2023–2025	MHSPP, MoESc	Educational programs were developed for Medical Universities in line with the Istanbul Protocol standards and the programs

				were approved and implemented in the systems of pre- and post-graduate trainings for health professionals.
34.	Trainings for health professionals working with detainees	2023–2025	MHSPP, MIA, MIA, MoJ, DCA, PFCACA, CSO	Trainings have been delivered to health care workers closely involved in the examination of detainees
35.	Drafting a Resolution of the Plenum of the Supreme Court of Tajikistan on redress for moral and material damage caused by crimes involving torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment	2023–2025	SC	Supreme Court Plenum Resolution drafted and adopted
4. COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND OTHER FORMS OF MODERN SLAVERY				
36.	Reviewing practices in regulating private employment agencies so as to eliminate abusive and fraudulent practices on the part of labor recruiters and employment agencies and, as a result of the review, modifying the legislation in line with the obligations under the ILO Protocol 2014 to the ILO Convention 29 on Forced Labor.	2023–2025	GP, Interagency Commission on Countering Human Trafficking, Ombudsman	The analysis was carried out, specific proposals for amendments to the regulatory and legal acts of the Republic of Tajikistan in line with the commitments under the ILO Protocol 2014 to the ILO Convention 29 on Forced Labor were developed
37.	Criminalization of forced labour as a separate offence in line with commitments under the 2014 Protocol to ILO Convention 29 on Forced Labour	2023–2025	EAP, GP, MIA, MoJ	The matter has been looked into and if upheld, the Criminal

				Code of Tajikistan will be revised to include the relevant norms
38.	Ratification of ILO Convention 181 (Convention on Private Recruitment Agencies)	2023–2025	MLMEP, MFA, MoJ	ILO Convention 181 ratified and in effect for the Republic of Tajikistan
39.	Making required budget allocations for the effective operation of shelters for victims of human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery (Shelter)	2023–2025	MLMEP, MHSPP, MF	An annual budget is allocated to support shelters for victims of human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery
40.	Developing a program to support and rehabilitate victims of human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery	2023–2024	MIA, MHSPP, GP, MLMEP	The program has been developed and approved
<b>5. THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND SECURITY OF PERSON</b>				
41.	1) Further improvement of legislation on basic legal safeguards for detainees and persons held in criminal and administrative detention, military personnel, as well as access to asylum procedures for detainees and persons held in custody for entry violations	2023–2025	GP, MIA, MD, SNSC	Draft regulatory and legal acts have been formulated and consulted on
42.	Designing an official, unified register to keep track of the time of arrest, grounds for arrest, names of the persons arrested, place of apprehension and any subsequent transfers, and the names of those in charge of their custody, on a mandatory basis	2023–2025	GP	Developing a support and rehabilitation program for victims of human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery
43.	Developing guidelines and regulations on how to effectively respond to and investigate violations of the rights of detainees and remand prisoners	2023–2025	GP, SNSC, MIA, DCA, DCA	The "Instruction on Detention" was revised, the amendments were

				introduced based on the modifications made to the laws and regulations, a new instruction on detention was adopted, and rules/methodological guidelines on effective response to an investigation of violations of the rights of detainees and persons held in custody were developed and adopted
44.	Implementing educational activities on basic human rights safeguards at the time of detention and arrest for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and lawyers	2023-2025	GP, MIA, Ombudsman, DCA, BA	Regular trainings have been delivered to law enforcement and procuratorial officials and lawyers on the basic human rights safeguards at the time of detention and remand in custody
45.	Continued enhancement of laws on judicial control over the lawfulness and validity of detention, including when addressing the issue of involuntary hospitalization in psychiatric hospitals and provision and implementation of access to asylum procedures for persons detained in custody or in detention facilities for entry violations	2023-2025	GP, SC	Draft regulatory and legal acts have been developed and broadly discussed
6. RIGHTS OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY				

46.	Developing and enacting a resolution of the Supreme Court Plenum of the Republic of Tajikistan "On the application of criminal laws on sentencing in the form of deprivation of liberty"	2023–2025	SC	The Resolution of the Supreme Court Plenum of the Republic of Tajikistan on this matter has been developed and adopted
47.	Enhancing the Penal Enforcement Code of Tajikistan, with an emphasis on non-discrimination of persons living with HIV and drug users in detention	2023–2025	MoJ, EAP	Amendments have been made to the Penal Enforcement Code of Tajikistan in accord with the recommendations of the UN Global Commission on HIV and Human Rights.
48.	Enhancing the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan in line with the UN Standard Rules for the Treatment of Convicted Women (Bangkok Rules)	2023–2025	MoJ, CWFA	The legislation was reviewed for compliance with the UN Standard Rules for the Treatment of Convicted Women and amendments were made to the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan and the internal rules of the GUIN of the Ministry of Justice.
49.	Developing a training program for the staff of the penitentiary system of Tajikistan on HIV prevention in prisons, including voluntary HIV testing and counseling on ARV treatment, non-discrimination of PLHIV and vulnerable	2023–2025	MoJ, MHSPP, Ombudsman	Workshops were delivered for prison staff, including prison

	groups and other intersecting issues, with a gender sensitive approach; and delivering trainings to prison staff, including health professionals			medical staff, based on an approved agenda
50.	Providing gender-sensitive trainings on voluntary and confidential HIV testing and HIV prevention in prisons, as well as gender-sensitive trainings on HIV prevention among prisoners across all prisons in Tajikistan.	2023–2025	MoJ, MHSPP, MF	Trainings on voluntary and confidential HIV testing and HIV prevention in prisons with a gender-sensitive approach were conducted, and trainings and information sessions on HIV prevention among prisoners were delivered across all penitentiary institutions of Tajikistan based on a gender-sensitive approach.
51.	Ensuring that detainees, convicts with HIV and tuberculosis have access to HIV and tuberculosis treatment at the cost of the state budget in detention facilities	2023–2025	MoJ, MHSPP	Convicts and detainees with HIV and/or tuberculosis have access to HIV and TB treatment funded by the state budget in detention facilities
52.	Regular human rights educational interventions for penitentiary personnel	2023–2025	MoJ, Ombudsman	Prison staff regularly attend trainings and workshops on human rights.
53.	Developing information materials on human rights in detention facilities, including vulnerable groups such as child	2023–2025	MoJ, Ombudsman	Information materials on human rights in

	prisoners, women prisoners, people with disabilities, people with health problems, people living with HIV, etc.			detention facilities were developed and shared with inmates
	<b>7. ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL</b>			
54.	Continued strengthening of legislation on the right to a fair trial, including provisions to ensure access to justice for vulnerable groups, such as children, persons with disabilities, women	2023–2025	SC	Draft legal acts have been developed and broadly discussed, amendments have been made to the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan on the right to a fair trial in accord with international standards and recommendations of UN bodies; the legislation sets out specific norms to ensure access to justice for vulnerable groups, including children, persons with disabilities, women.
55.	Improving legislation and practice to ensure transparency of court proceedings, access to information on court performance, and the introduction of electronic courts.	2023–2025	SC	The legislation in this area has been improved, the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Providing Access to Information on the Activities of Courts" has been adopted, and



				the system of electronic courts has been developed and implemented in the work of courts
56.	Developing and implementing transparent mechanisms for the selection and removal of judges	2023–2025	SC	Transparent mechanisms for the selection and removal of judges in line with international standards have been developed and implemented
57.	Introducing a mechanism for court hearings in compliance with the principle of automatic random distribution of cases, publishing information on the schedule of cases on the official web pages of the courts.	2023–2025	SC	The Terms of Reference for an automatic random distribution of cases in courts has been established, the program has been developed and implemented in the courts of the Republic of Tajikistan and an updated information on the schedule of cases in courts is regularly posted on the websites of the courts
58.	Developing measures for mandatory publication of Supreme Court and Higher Economic Court rulings, as well as municipal and district court rulings, on the web pages of the	2023–2025	SC, HEC	Internal documents on mandatory publication of SC, HEC, municipal

	Supreme Court, Higher Economic Court, and municipal and district courts			and district court rulings have been developed and the rulings are published on the courts' web pages
59.	Reforming the Qualification Collegium of Judges to ensure its independence, openness and transparency of its activities, empowering it to take independent decisions on initiating disciplinary cases and on qualification assessment of judges	2023–2025	SC	Relevant amendments were made to the legal acts of the Qualification Collegium of Judges to ensure its independence
60.	Enhancing the law on the Bar so as to bolster its performance	2023–2025	MoJ, BA, GP, SC	Amendments to the Law on Bar in line with international standards and recommendations of UN bodies were introduced
61.	Addressing the amendments to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Tajikistan on criminal liability for obstructing the lawful exercise by lawyers of their duties, breaching the lawyer-client confidentiality or abusing special investigative measures regarding the proper exercise by lawyers of their legitimate professional duties	2023–2025	MoJ, GP, SC, BA	Proposals to enhance the new edition of the Criminal Code of Tajikistan on obstruction of the lawful exercise by lawyers of their duties, breach of attorney-client confidentiality or unlawful use of special investigative measures against the proper exercise by

				lawyers of their rightful professional duties have been introduced and examined
62.	Continued harmonization of legislation, including the adoption of a legislative judicial control mechanism for the enforcement of judicial acts	2023–2025	SC, HEC, SE	The legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan has been amended accordingly and is in full compliance with the Constitutional Law "On the Courts of the Republic of Tajikistan"
63.	Strengthening the court bailiff institute through training and professional development and provision of a proper work environment, including transportation, equipment and other resources	2023–2025	СН, SC, HEC, MF	Court bailiffs are regularly trained and updated and adequate resources are allocated for the effective performance of court bailiffs
64.	Ensuring further expansion of access to a functional legal aid system, with legal aid centers opened throughout the country	2023–2024	MoJ, MF	The number of Legal Aid Centers (LACs) across the country has increased by 50% and more people, including vulnerable groups, are gaining access to quality free legal aid on the ground
65.	Ensuring access of vulnerable groups to secondary free legal aid in civil, administrative and criminal cases across all regions	2023–2025	MoJ, BA	Provisions of legislation on secondary free legal aid in civil and

				criminal cases have been implemented and operate effectively
66.	Regular awareness raising events on LAC's activities to ensure wider access of persons to free legal aid	2023-2025	Moj, BA, SC, MIA, PPFACA, DCA, GP, CSO	The media and social networks have regular awareness raising campaigns on LAC's activities and the information is available in the information boards of the judiciary, prosecutor's office, Ministry of Internal Affairs, SPFCCA, DCA in an official language and national minority languages, information booklets on LAC's activities in an official language and national minority languages have been developed and disseminated, and the number of individuals applying to LAC for services has increased.
67.	Developing and implementing a framework for providing mobile services to selected vulnerable groups, including victims of domestic violence, persons with disabilities and others who lack physical access to lawyers or other legal aid providers	2023-2025	Moj, BA, SCO	Various mechanisms for providing mobile services to selected vulnerable groups, including victims of

				domestic violence, persons with disabilities and others, have been developed and well-functioning
68.	Developing and adopting the Law on Mediation of the Republic of Tajikistan	2023–2024	MoJ, SC, Ombudsman	The Law on Mediation of the RT has been developed and adopted
	<b>8. THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, ASSOCIATION, PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND WORSHIP</b>			
69.	Setting up a working group on upgrading the laws on freedom of expression in line with the UN recommendations, in collaboration with civil society institutions and experts in this field.	2023–2025	MC MFA, MoJ, NEC, Ombudsman	Proposals were made to improve legislation in this area
70.	Setting up a working group on enhancing legislation on freedom of association in line with the UN recommendations in collaboration with civil society institutions and specialists in this area	2023–2025	MoJ, NEC, Ombudsman, TC	Proposals were made to improve legislation in this area
71.	Setting up a working group on improving legislation on religious freedom in line with the UN recommendations in cooperation with civil society institutes and specialists in this field.	2023–2025	CRRTCC, MoJ, NEC, Ombudsman	Proposals were made to improve legislation in this area
72.	Address the issue of drafting a Law on Alternative Military Service of the Republic of Tajikistan	2023–2025	MD, CRRTCC, SNSC, Ombudsman	The development of the Law on Alternative Military Service of the RT has been considered and proposals have been made based on its findings

73.	Educational and awareness-raising activities to ensure freedom of conscience and faith, strengthen tolerance and mutual understanding in society	2023–2025	CRRTCC, Ministries and Agencies	Educational and awareness-raising activities on ensuring freedom of conscience and religion, strengthening tolerance and mutual understanding in society were carried out
74.	Regular educational events on the right to freedom of conscience and religion and strengthening interreligious dialogue for practitioners of religion, regulating rituals and traditions and representatives of religious organizations	2023–2025	CRRTCC,	Trainings and workshops have been delivered to the practitioners of religion, representatives of religious organizations and regulators of rituals and traditions
75.	Bringing the Regulation on Accreditation of Foreign Journalists in Tajikistan in line with international standards and Tajik legislation	2023–2025	MFA	Provision on accreditation for foreign journalists on the territory of Tajikistan has been adopted and conforms to international standards and the legislation of Tajikistan
76.	Developing strategic documents for the media market growth	2023–2025	MC	Strategic documents for the media market development were

				drafted and broadly discussed with representatives of government agencies and civil society, and strategic documents for the media market development were adopted
77.	Introducing amendments to the Resolution of the Supreme Court Plenum of the RT of December 23, 2011, No. 7 "On enforcement of legislation on protection of honor and dignity of citizens and legal entities by courts".	2023–2025	SC	Amendments were introduced to the relevant Resolution of the Supreme Court Plenum
78.	Enhancing the legislation on access to information of the RT, ensuring transparency of the legislation	2023–2025	NEC, MoJ, GP, Ombudsman	Laws and regulations on access to information and on transparency of the lawmaking process and public participation in the deliberations of draft laws and regulations were amended and updated
79.	Regular trainings for government officials, media representatives and journalists on access to information have been delivered	2023–2025	Ombudsman, Ministries and Agencies	Education events plans on access to information have been developed and trainings on access to information have been regularly delivered
<b>9. THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION</b>				

80.	Drafting (enhancing) the legislation on equality and non-discrimination of the Republic of Tajikistan	2023	EAP, MoJ, GP, CWFA, Ombudsman	Draft amendments to legislation have been proposed and broadly consulted with government bodies and civil society organizations, and amendments have been made to regulatory and legal acts in conformity with the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Equality and Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination" and international standards.
81.	Strengthening (setting up) a dedicated body on equality and non-discrimination, including technical capacities, human resources and training programmes	2023–2025	Ombudsman, MF	An Equality and Non-Discrimination Unit has been established as part of the Ombudsman's Office, the Unit is fitted with the necessary human and technical resources for its effective performance, and its staff has been trained to deliver effectively.



82.	Education programs on equality and non-discrimination for representatives of public authorities	2023–2025	Ombudsman, Ministries and Agencies	Training and professional development programs on equality and non-discrimination were developed for employees of public authorities, tailored to their professional profile, and trainings and workshops were held for public authority representatives on equality and non-discrimination issues
83.	Broad public awareness-raising events on equality and non-discrimination, as well as on new non-discrimination legislation	2023–2025	Ombudsman, Ministries and Agencies	Awareness-raising events on equality and non-discrimination developed and disseminated via radio and television, print and electronic media, social media, and community meetings
84.	Considering the drafting and adoption of a resolution of the Supreme Court Plenum on handling administrative, civil and criminal cases related to discrimination	2023–2024	SC	The issue of developing and adopting a resolution of the SC Plenum on handling administrative, civil and criminal cases

				related to discrimination was considered
85.	Providing regular trainings on responding to, reviewing and investigating criminal cases of discrimination for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and lawyers	2023–2024	Ombudsman, GP, MIA, SNSC, DCA, SFCACA, BA	Regular trainings and workshops for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and lawyers are being held
86.	Considering the revision of criminal liability in the Criminal Code of the RT for deliberate HIV transmission	2023	GP, EAP	As a result of the study, some specific proposals were made
87.	Enhancement of the Code of Administrative Offenses of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Healthcare Code of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Law of Tajikistan "On Operational and Investigative Activities" to ensure the human rights of people living with HIV (PLHIV).	2025	MHSPP, EAP,GP	Relevant amendments to the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan have been adopted
88.	Developing programs and delivering trainings for judges, prosecutors, investigators and detectives on respecting the rights of PLHIV	2023–2025	SC, GP, MIA, SNSC	Programs developed and adopted and trainings conducted
89.	Providing training for legal professionals on HIV prevention and human rights of PLHIV	2024–2025	MHSPP, MoJ, BA	Training programs have been approved and adopted - training is systematic
<b>10. GENDER EQUALITY, WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT, PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>				
90.	Drafting and enacting a gender equality program and action plan including effective mechanisms for monitoring the program implementation and national consultations with the government and civil society in the process of program development	2023–2024	EAP, CWFA, working group on gender equality.	The draft program and action plan has been developed and has clear implementation monitoring mechanisms, at least 5 national consultations

				have been held across the country and recommendations resulting from the consultations have been summarized, reviewed and incorporated into the draft program
91.	Enhancing the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On State Guarantees of Equal Rights and opportunities for men and women"	2023–2024	EAP, CWFA, Working group on gender equality	Legislation in this area has been updated.
92.	Designing (enhancing) training and professional development programs on women's rights and gender equality for representatives of public authorities, including the Parliament, judges, prosecutor's offices, law enforcement agencies, lawyers, prosecutors, education and health care workers, etc.	2023–2025	Ombudsman, SC, GP, CWFA, Ministries and Agencies	Current training programs have been reviewed, training programs on women's rights and gender equality in government agencies have been developed, trainings and workshops based on the developed programs have been delivered, and the performance of educational activities is monitored at least once a year.
93.	Reviewing and enhancing gender legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan	2024–2025	EAP, CWFA,	The legislation of Tajikistan on gender

			Working group on gender equality	issues has been reviewed and updated
94.	Designing awareness-raising events to sensitize women to their rights and available recourse	2023–2024	CWFA, EAP, Ministries and Agencies	Specialized radio and television programmes have been produced, information materials on complaint mechanisms are posted on the websites of government agencies, and information is shared in the media and social networks of government agencies and civil society
95.	Developing a state program on prevention of violence against children, especially girls, based on multisectoral work and guided by the principle of the best interests of the child, as well as developing and implementing programs for prevention of domestic violence and a mechanism for prevention and protection from violence against children, especially girls	2023–2024	CWFA, EAP, MoJ	National program has been developed, widely debated with civil society, adopted and effectively implemented
96.	Reviewing and enhancing the Criminal Code of Tajikistan as for accountability for all forms of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, marital rape, sexual violence in and outside marriage, and eliminating a possibility of amnesty and pardon for crimes related to sexual rights and sexual inviolability of children.	2023–2024	EAP, GP, MIA, MoJ, CWFA	The Criminal Code of Tajikistan has been amended accordingly

97.	Enhancing the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On the Prevention of Domestic Violence" to ensure its proper application	2023	MIA, MoJ, CWFA	The Law has been amended accordingly
98.	Considering the establishment of an Interdepartmental Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence under the Government of Tajikistan	2023–2024	EAP, CWFA, MoJ, Ministries and Agencies	Consideration was given to the creation of an Interagency Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence under the Government of Tajikistan, and as a result thereof, specific proposals were made
<b>11. THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING, THE RIGHT OF THE PERSON TO DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION</b>				
99.	Designing a mechanism for data collection and management on homeless persons, using a rights-based approach	2023–2025	MIA, SC, GP, MoJ, MLMEP, OMBUDSMA, LDC, CYSA	A mechanism for data collecting and management on homeless persons has been developed, statistical information is collected and processed, and this data is used to develop programs and strategies targeted at supporting vulnerable groups of the population
100.	Enhancing the legislation of the RT, including the Water Code of the RT, with due consideration of the priority of the right of a person to safe drinking water and sanitation, as well as using water for personal and domestic consumption	2023–2025	MEWR, MoJ, MHSPP, MFA	Amendments were made to the NAP regarding prioritization of the human right to safe

				drinking water and sanitation
101.	Forming a National Water Council	2023-2024	EAP, MEWR, Ministries and Agencies	The National Water Council was established and its statute was approved
102.	Developing and adopting a national water and sanitation strategy that includes prioritizing water supply and sanitation in rural areas, reviewing financial support for latrine construction and waste management to ensure hygienic use and maintenance of latrines and safe isolation, transportation, treatment and disposal or recycling of waste, and effective water quality monitoring and surveillance mechanisms to ensure water safety	2024-2025	MEWR, National Water Council	National water and sanitation strategy adopted, prioritizing the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation
<b>12. THE RIGHT TO THE HIGHEST ATTAINABLE STANDARD OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH</b>				
103.	Ensuring that prenatal care facilities, maternity and childcare facilities are provided with personal protective equipment and disinfectants	2023-2025	MHSPP	PPE and infection prevention measures are in place at these facilities.
104.	Developing, approving, and implementing clinical protocols for maternal and child health care services	2023-2025	MHSPP	Clinical protocols are provided to all maternal and child service providers and used in actual practice.
105.	Setting up a consultative mechanism involving niche specialists (psychologist, geneticist, regional specialist) and relevant NGOs to assist families where a child with disorders (Down's syndrome, fetal abnormalities, etc.) is expected to be born.	2023-2025	MHSPP	A consultative mechanism has been established and is operating effectively, and families expected to give birth to a child with certain forms of disabilities receive

				comprehensive medical and psychological support.
106.	Introducing a staff psychologist in perinatal centers and maternity hospitals on reproductive health.	2023–2025	MHSPP, MF	Psychological support is provided to parents during pregnancy and at the birth of a child with developmental disorders.
107.	State-level training for psychologists offering psychological support to parents of children with various forms of disabilities.	2023–2025	MOH	Psychological support is provided to parents during pregnancy and at the birth of a child with developmental disorders.
108.	Public awareness through public events on disease prevention and reproductive health care	2023–2025	MHSPP	There are at least 50 events per year scheduled in each city and district
109.	Increasing scope and quality of services provided to pregnant women to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV and ensure early diagnosis of HIV among infants.	2023–2025	MHSPP	Reducing mother-to-child transmission of HIV and addressing the context for such transmission
110.	Performing a situational analysis and developing a strategic document (program, industry plan) on mental health in Tajikistan	2023–2025	MHSPP	Mental Health Strategy Paper using a rights-based approach adopted and being implemented.

111.	Empowering adolescent girls and boys living with HIV with the knowledge and skills to accept their HIV status and realize their potential	2023–2025	MHSPP	Adolescents living with HIV are actively engaged in community life
112.	Strengthening efforts to integrate the network of primary health care facilities, as well as health and mental health care facilities	2024–2025	MHSPP	Registration, follow-up, and rehabilitation of patients will be strengthened, and public access to health services in this area will be improved
<b>13. ПРАВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ</b>				
113.	Enacting an Education Code aligned with international standards of the right to education and UN recommendations, including the right to quality education in an inclusive environment as one of the basic principles of the right to education.	2023–2025	MoESc	The Education Code has been adopted and is in line with international standards on the right to education
114.	Exploring the adoption of the concept of inclusive and effective education	2024–2025	MoESc	The concept has been approved
115.	Increasing the number of general education facilities	2024–2025	MoESc, LDCPT	The number of general schools has been increased
116.	Engaging girls and boys from remote areas of the country in primary and secondary vocational education and providing them with a proper social and educational environment	2023–2025	MoESc, MLMEP, LDCPT	Enrollment of girls from remote villages in primary and secondary vocational education schools
117.	Allocating children with disabilities and people with Group 3 disabilities to the privileged group for admission to	2023-2025	MoESc	Enrollment in vocational education and training facilities



	vocational schools of secondary vocational education and training, and universities			of secondary vocational education and universities.
118.	Promoting enabling conditions for orphans, street children and children with disabilities to enroll in secondary vocational education and training facilities	2023–2025	MoESc	Coverage of orphans, street children and children with disabilities in secondary vocational education institutions
119.	Revising state standards, educational plans and programs and valid qualifications offered at HEIs through accreditation and international rating to bring them in line with international standards, and improve the quality of education at all levels of education	2023–2025	MoESc	Improving the quality of education at all levels of education
120.	Increasing the number of preschool facilities	2023–2025	MoESc	Enrollment of children in preschool educational institutions
121.	Ensuring access of children, including children with disabilities, to preschool facilities	2023–2025	MoESc	Enrollment of children, including children with disabilities in preschool institutions
122.	Teacher-training at higher education facilities with a pedagogical bias in the language of national minorities	2023–2025	MoESc	Required number of specialists have been trained
123.	Supplying textbooks to schools where the language of instruction is not a state language	2023–2025	MoESc	Educational facilities are provided with textbooks (those schools where the language of instruction is not a state language)

124.	Increasing the number of extra classes in Tajik (official) language for foreign students and representatives of national minorities who do not speak Tajik	2023–2025	MoESc	Foreign students and members of national minorities not proficient in Tajik are offered enough classes to learn the official language.
14. THE RIGHT TO WORK AND EQUAL PAY, SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE, AND THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.				
125.	Establishing a unified state electronic system for informing citizens about new jobs and their designated use to achieve the constitutional guarantees of the right to work, choice of profession, labor protection and social protection from unemployment.	2023–2025	MLMEP	A uniform State electronic system providing citizens with information on new jobs and their intended use to achieve the constitutional guarantees of the right to work, choice of profession, occupational safety and social protection against unemployment has been developed and functioning.
126.	Developing mechanisms to ensure employability of graduates of initial and secondary vocational and technical schools	2023-2025	MLMEP, MoESc	Employment mechanism developed and approved
127.	Developing the mechanisms for optimizing working conditions to meet the individual needs of young people, women, including those with disabilities	2023–2025	MLMEP	Mechanisms developed, approved and shared with employers

128.	Drafting and adopting the Resolution of the Supreme Court Plenum "On application of criminal legislation with regard to sentencing juveniles to alternative measures of incarceration"	2023–2025	SC	The Resolution of the SC Plenum "On application of criminal legislation relating to alternative measures of incarceration for juveniles" has been developed and adopted
129.	Strengthening the capacity of law enforcement, judiciary, lawyers and CRO in child protection, referral and outreach to victims and witnesses of crime/violence	2023–2025	Ombudsman, MoJ, Law Enforcement	Training modules developed, training plan approved and capacity building sessions conducted
130.	Improved child-sensitive grievance mechanism within the CRO, including developing a referral system for individual grievances	2023	Ombudsman, MoJ	Child-sensitive complaints mechanism is in place and running well
<b>15. RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND MIGRANTS</b>				
131.	Monitoring the implementation of the National Action Plan on Tajikistan's preparedness for CRPD ratification and implementation	2024	EAP, MHSPP, MLMEP, CSO	The implementation of the National Action Plan to prepare Tajikistan for CRPD ratification and enforcement has been monitored
132.	Enhancing the legislation on migration and ensuring its compliance with international commitments by means of a comprehensive analysis of by-laws and internal documents regulating interagency coordination on labor migration regulation, and drawing on the analysis, developing and adopting customized legal acts aimed at improving the management and interagency coordination system.	2023–2025	MLMEP, MIA, MFA, SNSC, and other members of interagency commission on migration	The legislation of Tajikistan has been analyzed and respective regulatory legal acts have been developed and adopted

133.	Protecting the rights of family members of labor migrants	2023–2025	MLMEP	Regular collection of data on abandoned families and children and their integration into the existing social protection database is undertaken, abandoned families and children are referred to appropriate services on a needs basis and mechanisms are developed and tested to formalize kinship care for abandoned children as an interim measure
134.	Trainings for diplomatic and consular staff, including on gender aspects of labor migration and special needs of women migrants and women family members of migrants in transit and destination countries.	2023–2025	MFA, Ombudsman, CSO	Regular trainings on the rights of migrant workers and their families, including on gender aspects of labor migration and special needs of women migrants and women family members of migrants in transit and destination countries, have been delivered to officers of diplomatic and consular missions.

135.	Developing clear and transparent procedures for providing information on the activities and services of consular offices, including by expanding access to information on the information websites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and consular offices, social networks, etc.	2023–2025	MFA, Ombudsman, SCO	Dedicated pages on the MFA and consular websites have been created and are functioning, and pages have been created in social networks and other networks on consular activities and services, labor migrants and members of their families have easy access to information on consular activities and services
136.	Examining the development of effective response and complaint mechanisms for migrants and members of their families, including special timeframes for handling complaints and appeals	2023–2025	MFA, MoJ, Ombudsman, CSO	Strong complaints and grievance mechanisms have been developed and implemented, and migrants and their families have prompt access to consular offices in instances of violations of their human rights
<b>16. THE RIGHTS OF REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND THE REDUCTION AND PREVENTION OF STATELESSNESS</b>				
137.	Improving the Refugee Law of the Republic of Tajikistan in line with international standards for the protection of asylum seekers and refugees	2023–2025	EAP, MIA, MoJ, SNSC	The legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan has been improved in line with international standards for the

				protection of asylum seekers
138.	Examining the issue of waiving criminal liability of asylum seekers for illegal border crossing to Tajikistan without proper documents and required authorization	2023–2024	GP, SNSC	Based on the results of the study, proposals were made to exempt asylum seekers from criminal liability
139.	Drafting and proposing a relevant regulatory legal act on the procedure for granting refugee status in the Republic of Tajikistan, which sets out a refugee status determination process in line with international standards	2023–2025	MIA, SNSC, GP	Relevant legal and regulatory act on the procedure for granting refugee status in the Republic of Tajikistan has been developed and submitted for review.
140.	Examining the ratification of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness	2023–2025	MIA, MoJ, SNSC,	Proposals have been made for Tajikistan's ratification of these conventions
141.	Developing and adopting clear procedures for defining the status of stateless persons	2023–2025	MIA, SNSC, MFA, MoJ	Clear procedures for determining the status of a stateless person have been developed and adopted
142.	Considering the improvement of legislation on birth registration for each child	2023–2025	MoJ, MIA	The issue has been considered and specific proposals have been made to improve the legislation

### Abbreviation list:

EAP – Executive Apparatus of the President  
MoJ – Ministry of Justice  
MFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
MIA – Ministry of Internal Affairs  
Ombudsman – Ombudsman’s Office  
MF – Ministry of Finance  
MD – Ministry of Defence  
MC – Ministry of Culture  
MHSP – Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population  
MoESc – Ministry of Education and Science  
MLMEP – Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment of Population  
MEWR – Ministry of Ebergy and Water Resources  
SC – Supreme Court  
HEC – High Economic Court  
GP – General Prosecutor’s Office  
LDCPT – Local Development Committee under the President of Tajikistan  
CYSA – Committee on Youth and Sports Affairs  
CWFA – Committee on Women and Family Affairs  
SNSC – State National Security Committee  
TC – Tax Committee under the Government of RT  
CRRTCC – Committee on Religion and Regulation of Traditions, Celebrations and Ceremonies under the Government of RT  
PFCACA – Public Finance Control and Anti-corruption Agency  
DCA – Drug Control Agency  
SE – Service of Execution under the Government of RT  
NLC - National Legislation Center under the President  
GUIN/ГУИУН – Central Penal Correction Department of MoJ  
BA – Bar Association  
SO – Societal Organisations  
SCO – Civil Society Organisations

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