

Neutral Turkmenistan  
28 December 1995

**DECLARATION  
on the international obligations  
of the neutral Turkmenistan in the sphere  
of human rights**

Turkmenistan,

Realising the whole responsibility for the guarantee and protection of the basic human rights and liberties, arising ~ from the international recognised status of the permanent neutrality;

Being based on the Constitution and universally recognised standards of the international law;

Confirming its adherence to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Issuing from the fundamental thesis that a person is the highest value of society;

Considering that the observance of the international standards in the sphere of human rights promotes deepening of the democratic transformations, economic and social growth, the consolidation of legality and law and order;

Aiming at the effective exercise of the international obligations for the protection of the basic human rights and liberties;

Accounting for the Turkmen people's traditions historically established as per friendship, respect of customs, culture, spiritual values of other peoples;

Proclaims the present Declaration and states that the observance of human rights and liberties is the basis of justice and peace.

Turkmenistan guarantees every person's rights and liberties stipulated in the Constitution, laws and universally recognised standards of the international law, whatever difference, as with respect to race, sex, language, religion, residence, political and other convictions, national or social origin, property, official or other position.

Human rights in Turkmenistan are inviolable and inalienable, and guaranteed by the state and protected by law.

None may be deprived of any rights and liberties or restricted in rights if otherwise specified in the Constitution and laws.

Every person in Turkmenistan is equal to law and entitled to the equal protection of law, without any differentiation.

Every person is entitled to the equal protection from any discrimination infringing upon their rights.

Every person is entitled to the rights' restoration by the competent state bodies in cases of violation of his rights granted by the Constitution and laws, and has the equal access to the effective methods of the legal protection.

Turkmenistan provides political, economic, legal and other conditions necessary for the complete exercise of human rights and liberties, promotes free development of a personality. With this view in Turkmenistan there are created the system of democratic institutes and the procedure of the nationals' free will, ensured the equal existence of different ~ forms of property and economic activity, formed the national legislation corresponding to the international standards in the sphere of human rights.

Turkmenistan performs the obligations in the sphere of human rights arising from the international treaties, the party of which it is.

Turkmenistan undertakes necessary efforts to settle its relations with other states in regard to the issues concerning the observance of human rights, including that by means of concluding the bilateral and multilateral treaties and agreements.

Turkmenistan will participate regularly in the consideration of human rights and liberties at the international level.

Turkmenistan guarantees the strict and steady observance of the terms and conditions of the present Declaration and considers it as the basis of the consistent democratisation of the society and state.

**Adopted by Khalk Maslakhaty of Turkmenistan on 27 December 1995 in Ashgabat.**

President of Turkmenistan  
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