

Tajikistan's Position paper on the growing threat of Authoritarianism to human rights and democratic values

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The Republic of Tajikistan recognizes the growing threat of Authoritarianism to human rights and democratic values. The Republic of Tajikistan is against suppression of human rights anywhere in the world and supports independent media, strong and effective independent opposition. In this era of globalisation, this world cannot sit mere spectator to several forms of Authoritarianism. This world has to unite, stand, and fight together against all sorts of Authoritarianism and the Republic of Tajikistan is willing to be part of one united world to fight against all sorts of Authoritarianism.

To fight Authoritarianism this world needs to ensure fair elections, nurture independent oppositions. The other tools to fight Authoritarianism are independent media, guaranteed fundamental rights, including freedom to speech, basic human rights, access to the internet and digital world without any boundaries.

The Republic of Tajikistan, for its citizens, upholds and ensures human rights, democratic values, free speech, freedom of expressions. In Tajikistan we ensure an unbiased media, various systems of checks and balances between different authorities, and the Rule of Law.

Several rounds of discussions have happened to take stock of human rights in Tajikistan by the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the UN Human Rights Council. Tajikistan became one of the very few countries to be a part of UPR. The measures have been taken to train police officers, prosecutors, and investigators on work in cases of discrimination, relevant guidelines for prosecutors and investigators have been developed; informational and educational activities are conducted among people in order to combat stigma and discrimination and its mechanisms. A national plan of action related to the implementation of the UN committee of human rights for 2020-2025 has been put into action by the Republic of Tajikistan. Just to mention few steps taken anti-discrimination legislation including discrimination against women or disabled persons or the LGBT; introducing law against torture and ill-treatment in detention centers and against newly recruited soldiers in the armed forces; reforms in the juvenile justice system, etc. The republic of Tajikistan is regularly engaged with the United Nations Human Rights Council. Like the most recent making of a housing code with regional assistance from ROCA (Human Rights regional office in central asia) .

However, a world of caution that Human Right and Fight against Authoritarianism should not be used as 'Regime Change Tool' to suit some vested international interests or to suit the interests of some 'international lobbies' and the domestic affairs of any Sovereign country should be handled by that country itself. The Republic of Tajikistan does not encourage external interference in the domestic affairs of a country in the name of Human Rights or Fight against Authoritarianism.