

## NHRI Cyprus Input

**As Cyprus's NHRI our contribution for the High Commissioners Report is the following:**

*«In Cyprus there are a large number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) active in the defense of Human Rights. Most of these Organizations promote the rights of specific groups of the population, such as women (gender equality), immigrants, asylum seekers, LGBTI, people with disabilities and others).*

*As an Institution, we often cooperate - in the framework of our competences - with these NGOs, whose actions we encourage and support.*

*Our cooperation with NGOs is usually taking place in the context of investigating complaints that they file to us, and, by undertaking joint actions to raise awareness in the society on human rights issues.*

*Our Office is at the disposal of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for more information on our relationship and our cooperation with the civil society in Cyprus.»*