



**Pledge submitted by Armenia to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Armenia pledges to establish a National Mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up of human rights obligations emanating from international human rights treaties. National coordination structure will be responsible for implementation of recommendations, drafting of reports and ensuring coherence in human rights related measures and policies as well as in obligations and commitments taken at global and regional levels. The mechanism will further foster the dialogue between government and national human rights institution. Armenia is willing to cooperate with relevant UN structures in capacity building and best practice for establishment of NMIRF.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: May 1, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Armenia pledges to adopt a law on Equal rights, that will specifically define the concept of “discrimination”. It will provide means and mechanisms for protection from discrimination and while establishing institutional framework and guarantees for a structures in charge, we will rely on international standards and best practice. The law will also elaborate on specific forms of discrimination and provide definition to the concepts of direct discrimination, indirect discrimination, harassment, incitement to discrimination, segregation, victimization and associative discrimination. Armenia pledges to adopt the law in the period of 2024-2025.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 1, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: As a long standing commitment to genocide prevention, we pledge to take steps towards further enhancement of international human rights system and multilateral responses to gross human rights violations. Along with multilateral initiatives such as HRC resolution on prevention of Genocide and biennial Global Forum in Yerevan, we pledge to strengthen early warning mechanisms to address aggravated forms of hate speech, incitement to violence, dehumanization of minorities and atrocity crimes. We pledge to work with wide range of stockholders from the UN system, civil society, academia and private sector.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Armenia pledges to continue to make efforts so that the refugees ethnically cleansed from Nagorno-Karabakh are able to exercise their fundamental human rights, including their cultural and religious rights. Armenia is committed to undertake all measures to ensure safeguarding, development and promotion of intangible cultural heritage of Nagorno-Karabakh people in accordance to the UNESCO Convention of 2003 and in line with the Government Program for 2021-2026. We will build our policies based on principles of participation, viability of cultural heritage as well as its transmission. We pledge to dedicate capacities for preservation of culture and traditions of Nagorno-Karabakh people.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 5: Armenia pledges to take policy measures to eliminate extreme poverty by 2026. We aim at development and implementation of more targeted social support programs that will promote better economic opportunities for beneficiaries. Armenia plans to introduce new general social assessment system that will ensure more effective combination of monetary social assistance with non-monetary service packages. The efforts of the Government will also center on prevention of extreme poverty through assistance with employment as well as support programs in the areas of health care, educational fees as well as through provision of urgent three-month long support.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2026