



**Pledge submitted by ADF International to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: We pledge to uphold the inherent human right to life of every human being by advocating for laws and legal precedents that affirm the inalienable dignity and equal worth of all persons, from conception to natural death. Fulfillment of this pledge entails strengthening national laws and international norms and standards that protect human life from conception to natural death, and promoting accountability to relevant international human rights obligations and commitments.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 10, 2048

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: We pledge to defend the freedom of every person to peacefully live out their deeply held beliefs and to act in accordance with their conscience in all spheres of life, both in law and in practice. Fulfillment of this pledge entails the repeal or review of existing legislation infringing upon the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and the adoption of measures to eradicate all acts of violence, discrimination or persecution against persons on account of their religion.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 10, 2048

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: We pledge to advance a more robust standard for the protection of freedom of opinion and expression, both nationally and globally. Fulfillment of this pledge entails the abolition or reform of laws and policies unjustly restricting freedom of expression, such as those criminalizing blasphemy and so-called "hate speech". It also entails working towards the enhancement of the relevant international legal framework, ensuring better protection of this fundamental freedom globally.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 10, 2048

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: We pledge to protect the institution of the family, based on the union of a man and a woman in marriage, as the natural and fundamental group unit of society, as recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Fulfillment of this pledge entails renewed attention and commitment to the protection and assistance needs of the family at both the national and international levels. It includes the promotion of legislation and policies that foster strong marriages and strong families in which the human rights of all their members are respected, protected and promoted.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 10, 2048

PLEDGE NUMBER 5: We pledge to champion the prior right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children in accordance with their moral and religious values, and the primacy of parental authority in all decisions affecting children. Fulfillment of this pledge entails preserving and broadening the legal protections for parental rights, including guaranteeing their full involvement in all decisions concerning their children, and widening the freedom of choice in education.

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