

Albania is committed for promotion and protection of human rights, cultural and religious coexistence and economic development, peace and security, and the promotion of dialogue and understanding between cultures and civilizations.

Albanian State has a positive balance and is committed to fulfil the international obligations for the respect and protection of minorities. Albania has ratified several conventions on human rights, as well the Framework Convention of CoE “For the Protection of National Minorities”.

Albanian Constitution and domestic legal framework guarantee the rights of persons belonging to minorities, the right to declare their ethnicity, to maintain and develop their national identity, the right of education in mother tongue, their culture, the religion, as well the fundamental freedoms and civil, political, economic and social rights.

Albania pays special importance to good relations, tolerance, cooperation, coexistence and understanding between Albanians and national minorities, and a climate of respect and tolerance generally prevails in Albania. This is a fact recognized internationally as well.

According to the reports of international organisations, a climate of respect and tolerance generally prevails in Albania. Albania has continued its efforts to enhance the implementation of the international conventions and has taken some concrete steps to reinforce protection of minorities rights, and to effectively implement anti-discrimination policies. The domestic legislation for the protection of minorities generally is positive, but there is a need for further improvements.

Our country has a positive balance related the protection of minorities and a climate of respect and tolerance prevails in Albania. Albanian institutions are committed to fulfil the international obligations for the respect and protection of minorities and enhance the implementation of the recommendations issued by international monitoring bodies.

In its past and recent history, the Albanian society has never experienced any ethnic or religious problem or conflict. On the contrary, there is a good tradition of understanding and tolerance between the majority population and the minorities. The protection of national minorities serves as well for building bridges of friendship between the neighboring countries.

The Albanian Constitution and domestic legal framework guarantee the rights of persons belonging to minorities the right to declare their ethnicity, maintain and develop their national identity, culture, traditions and religion, the right of education in the mother tongue, the participation in public life, as well the fundamental freedoms and civil, political and economic rights. The Albanian Government remains committed to improve the legal, institutional framework and policies for the respect and protection of minorities rights, in accordance with its international obligations.

Efforts are also being made to fight corruption and the trafficking of human beings, to promote and protect the rights of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, including children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, as well as marginalized groups such as the Roma. Furthermore we recognize the critical importance for social cohesion and sustainable development of quality education, universal health coverage and social protection for all.

Albania is committed to further improve the implementation of national and international legislation regarding the protection and promotion of human rights.