

Role of UNO in Human Rights

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- HR are moral principles or norms that describe certain standards of human behavior and are regularly protected as legal rights in municipal and int. law.
 - It as inalienable fundamentals rights to which a person is inherently entitled simply because he or she is a human being
 - HR movements developed in the aftermath of the II nd WW and the atrocities of the Holocaust (the catastrophe) was a genocide Adolf Hitler Nazi Germany and its collaborators killed about 6 million Jews.

Types of Human Rights

- Social or Civil Human Rights
- Political HR
- Economic HR
- Cultural HR

Social or Civil Human Rights

- All human beings are entitled to –
- 1 the right to life liberty, and security of persons
- 2 R.to freedom from slavery and servitude
- 3 R. to freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- 4 R. to freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy , family, home or correspondence

Political HR

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- To take part in the pol. Process , all human beings are provided with some rights such as-
 - 1 R. to nationality
 - 2. R. to equality before law and equal protection of law
 - 3. R. to judicial remedies, fair trial and freedom from arbitrary arrest, detention or exile
 - 4. R. to freedom of thought, expression, belief, faith, conscience and religion

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- R. to freedom of peaceful assembly and association
 - R. to tk part in govt. affairs and equal access to public service
 - R. to equal suffrage
 - R. to freedom of movt. And right of asylyumete

Economic HR

- To ensure the eco. Interests of the human being, UNO also provides certain eco. Rights such as
- 1. R. to social security
- 2. R. to work and the right to equal pay for equal work
- R. to form trade union
- R. to rest and leisure
- R. to food, health and adequate standard of living

Cultural HR

- For the protection of the various types of cultures, traditions and customs of the human being, the declaration of HR also provides certain rights as –
- R. to enjoy the art and to share in the scientific advancement and its benefits
- R. to participate in the cultural life of the community
- R.. To the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific , literary and artistic production of which the individual is the author.

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- R. to social and international order in which the HR as provided in the universal declaration can be fully realized.

Karel Vasak , A Czech Jurist classified HR into 3 categories in 1979

- I) First Generation of HR (Blue Rights): Int. Covenant on Civil and Pol. Rights
- It deals with liberty
- Liberation and participation in pol. Life
- Fundamentally civil and pol. Nature
- Rights include- freedom of speech , R. to a fair trial , freedom of religion and voting rights.

II generation of HR – Int. covenant on Eco., Social and cultural rights

- After II WW, RED RIGHTS - Equality
- Eco., social and cultural nature
- R. to Employment , housing and health care, social security and unemployment benefits

Third Generation of HR – Collective Rights

- Largely unofficial rights
- Difficult to implement
- R. to self- determination
- R. to ec., social development, a healthy environment, natural resources
- R to communicate , participation in cultural heritage
- R. to int. equality and sustainability

Introduction

- At San Francisco conference it was expressed by several delegates that UNO should establish an “International Bill of Rights”.
- It should be the obligation of International community to eradicating the atmosphere of war
- Promotion and respect of HR should be the one of the principle of UN charter

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- Promotion of HR means maintaining International standards of HR
 - Protection of HR means implementation and enforcement act
 - The prime responsibility for the promotion of HR under UN charter rests in GA, ECOSOC, its subsidiary organs, Commission of HR, Security council and ICJ

Human Rights Consciousness

- Played an IMP role .the people and states..
- Establishing minimum standards of acceptable behavior by states
- The proclamation of the Universal declaration of HR containing universal code of conduct of HR

Codification of the Law of HR

- The UN has codified the diff. Rights, freedoms by making treatise of all sections of the people such as women, child, migrant, workers, refugees and stateless persons
- The commission on HR has brought inhuman acts , racial discrimination and torcher before the international rule of law

Monitoring of HRS

- Treaty bodies, working groups of the commission on HR have procedure and mechanism to monitor complains with conventions and investigate allegations of HR abuse
- A no. Of expert committees have been established under particular treaties.

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- In the past UN HR monitor have been sent to many countries including El-Slavador and Cambodia
- Peace keeping force in Haiti, Rwanda, Guatemala and Yugoslavia , Srilanka etc.

Procedure for Individual Complaints

- A no. of HR treaties permit individuals to make petition before appropriate bodies
- Int. covenant on civil and pol. Rights, the int. convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination and convention against torcher have permitted to individuals to make petitions against their state

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- The commission on HR and its sub commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and their working groups submitted by individuals and NGO
- UN High Commissioner for HR In Geneva

Compilation of information on the violation of HR

- The original mandate of the commission on HR to examine violations of HRS situations
- It compiling information on the incidence of certain kind of violations or violation in a specific country
- This task perform by special representative or working groups NGO
- They collect facts, keep contacts with local groups and govt. authorities
- Conduct sight visits when governments. Permits and make recommendation on how strengthened HR

Examination of HR Situations

- The committee on HR may ask the Secretary General to intervene or send an expert to examine A HR situation in any state for a view to prevent violations of HR
- Such task performed by the Sec. Gen. Good offices
- The sec. General or his representative and The High Commissioner for HR . HR concerned with member state such as release of prisoners of death sentence or other issues

Co-ordination of HR Activities

- The post of High commissioner for HR was created in 1993 with intention of strengthening the coordination and impact of UN HR activities
- He is charged with promoting and protecting the effective enjoyment by all HR and maintain permanent dialogue with the member state

By Providing Advisory Services

- The center for HR provides advisory services to govts. Seeking to improve their HR performance.
- May be given to draft a constitution
- To improve electoral laws
- Establish or upgrade HR institutions
- Prepare new criminal courts or the Judiciary



