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## **The Civil and Political Rights Committee**

### **Activities reports**

The Civil and Political Rights Committee of the National Council for Human Rights (NCHR) held a conference entitled “Priorities for National Legislation” with the support of the European Union on 5/9/2023, within the framework of permanent and joint cooperation between the Council and donor partners, with the aim of strengthening the role of NCHR at all levels.

#### Recommendations

- It is necessary to give the right to the person injured in some crimes to obtain penal compensation.
- Issuing the law of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood.
- Amending some provisions of the Children’s Law regarding the justifications for pretrial detention of children.
- Amending some provisions of the Children’s Law regarding not trying children who commit crimes with others.
- Amending some provisions of the Children’s Law regarding appeals of felony rulings before the General Court of Appeals Department.
- Amending some provisions of the Penal Code regarding domestic violence.
- The Environmental Law and the Natural Reserves Law must be amended to tighten penalties to reduce attacks on natural reserves on an ongoing basis.
- Reconsider the duration of pretrial detention and alternatives.



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- Suspending the provisions of the Medical Facilities Regulation Law.
- Amending the compulsory insurance law for civil liability arising from automobile accidents.
- Amending some provisions of the Expropriation Law.
- It is necessary to move to the stage of legislative wisdom when formulating legislation through a future vision and stable legislation.
- The importance of reconsidering the personal status law for Muslims and non-Muslims for the best interest of the child, especially in light of the reports issued by research centers on divorce rates and domestic violence, which requires submitting proposals to the decision-maker and Parliament must play its role in this regard.
- The necessity of having a family support fund in order to reduce the severe suffering of divorced women.
- Reconsidering the building law.
- The necessity of enforcing the reconciliation law.
- The importance of reconsidering the local elections laws and the law regarding the assignment of judges.
- Issuing the Freedom of Information Law.
- Establishing a legal aid system to help everyone who has a case before the courts and is unable to pay the legal fees, free of charge.
- The importance of representatives accelerating the discussion of these laws and committing to inquiring and engaging with the Constitutional and



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Legislative Affairs Committee in order to bring the legislation to fruition on the ground.



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The Civil and Political Rights Committee of the National Council for Human Rights (NCHR) held a workshop entitled “Freedom to Access Information between Constitutional Entitlement and Challenges” on 5/28/2023 with the support of the European Union, within the framework of permanent and joint cooperation between the Council and donor partners, with the aim of strengthening the role of the NCHR at all levels.

#### Recommendations

- The need to expedite the issuance of legislation related to the Freedom of Information Law in accordance with international standards
- Reconsidering the freedom of information circulation in line with the technological revolution.
- The necessity of changing the prevailing culture within state institutions by allowing the circulation of information and emphasizing its importance.
- The need to emphasize the importance of information to encourage investment and investors in Egypt, and its importance also to scientific research.
- Working to raise awareness of the importance of the right to obtain information for media professionals, especially to verify information and not circulate false news to confront rumours.



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- The necessity of developing training programs to “literate statistical literacy” in a way that contributes to the availability of data while paying attention to research methods.
- Working on the independence of the media and freedom of opinion and expression, taking into account the importance of social media, which contains a lot of false information without controls.
- The necessity of maintaining and protecting the confidentiality of personal information and data, and the cooperation of all state agencies to protect this basic goal.
- Emphasizing the importance of issuing legislation on the availability of information and setting specific controls, while exploiting the existence of the national dialogue to present the idea and stress its importance in providing a climate that enhances the freedom of circulation and access to information.