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## **INTERAGENCY ACTION PLAN for 2016-2019**

*On implementing the accepted recommendations from the Second Universal Periodic Review of the UN Council and from the Human Rights Treaty Bodies*

The Interagency Action Plan for 2016-2019 on implementing the accepted recommendations from the Second Universal Periodic Review and from the Human Rights Treaty Bodies (hereinafter, the Interagency Plan) is a programmatic document designed to facilitate the compliance of the Republic of Belarus with its international obligations in the area of human rights, including improving the legal framework and enforcement practices.

In Belarus, the key human rights and liberties are enshrined in the Constitution; they have been recognized as an integral part of the core values and a key objective of the state and society. The primacy of the fundamental principles of international law has been recognized at the constitutional level.

Belarus is a sovereign, dynamic state that has made many important achievements in the area of human rights.

According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) data, Belarus has advanced to the top 50<sup>th</sup> position in the human development index, thereby ranking among the countries with a high level of human development.

According to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) data, in 2014 Belarus ranked 1<sup>st</sup> worldwide in reducing maternal mortality, and was listed among 42 countries in which 100% of births are attended by skilled medical personnel.

According to the United National International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) report, Belarus had the lowest child mortality rate in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) region as of December 2014. Belarus has become one of 25 countries with the most favorable conditions for maternity, and ranks 31<sup>st</sup> globally by the gender equality index.

In 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) acknowledged Belarus' success in achieving full prevention of HIV and syphilis mother-to-child transmission.

Belarus' performance and achievements in other areas have also been recognized by the international organizations.

Belarusian national legislation on human rights is based on the principal international human rights documents.

The Republic of Belarus is a party to the majority of international human rights treaties. Belarus cooperates with the human rights treaty bodies and submits its periodic reports on the fulfilment of its international obligations to them. The final recommendations of the treaty bodies are taken into consideration during the review and amendment of the national legislation and policies on the protection and promotion of human rights.

In its approaches and strategies on human rights protection and promotion, Belarus has consistently viewed civil and political, social and cultural rights as indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and complementary.

The Republic of Belarus maintains constructive collaboration with the international human rights mechanisms, as well as a dialogue with the special procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC); it also cooperates with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and a variety of programs, funds and specialized agencies of the United Nations (UN).

Belarus considers the UN Council Universal Periodic Review as the most important mechanism to support the development of a constructive international partnership in the field of human rights, and a means of enhancing a mutually respectful dialogue.

The Interagency Action Plan serves to further strengthen national capacity in implementing the international obligations of the Republic of Belarus in the field of human rights.

The Interagency Action Plan is a long-term document aimed at the achievement of the following objectives:

- building national capacity to effectively meet the international obligations of the Republic of Belarus in line with international human rights treaties;

- identifying human rights challenges and developing appropriate legislative and institutional responses;

- effectively applying international best practices to improve national human rights policies;

- building capacity of the state institutions in the area of human rights;

- improving the state system of human rights oversight, ensuring better transparency of the outcomes;

- expanding public and private partnership in the area of human rights;

- supporting the most vulnerable groups;

improving data collection and analysis on all aspects of human rights and liberties using the indicators that signify the fulfilment of the international standards and requirements on human rights and liberties in accordance with the international requirements.

The implementation of the Interagency Action Plan will facilitate the implementation of the activities prescribed by the government programs intended to safeguard the rights of Belarusian citizens; it will also support the implementation of the current 2016-2020 UN-Belarus Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), and the country programs of UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA for 2016-2020.

The Interagency Action Plan will also contribute to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Republic of Belarus in line with the International Sustainable Development Agenda until 2030.

The activities of the Interagency Action Plan for 2016-2019 on implementing the recommendations from the Second UN Universal Periodic Review accepted by Belarus, as well as the recommendations received from the Human Rights Treaty Bodies for 2016-2019 will be executed in accordance with the annex by the bodies of the national and local governments and administrative authorities in collaboration with academic and religious organizations, as well as public associations with the assistance of the financial and technical expertise of international organizations.

The activities of the Interagency Action Plan will be financed within the limits of the national and local government budgets, the extrabudgetary Social Security Fund of the Republic of Belarus, as well as from other legitimate sources, in order to achieve the respective objectives.

Annex  
to the Interagency Action Plan on implementing the recommendations of the UNHRC Universal Periodic Review accepted by Belarus, as well as recommendations received from the Human Rights Treaty Bodies for 2016-2019

Activities included in the Interagency Action Plan on implementing the recommendations of the UNHRC Universal Periodic Review accepted by Belarus, as well as recommendations received from the Human Rights Treaty Bodies for 2016-2019

Activities	Execution period (years)	Implementing body
<b>International obligations</b>		
1. Considering the expediency of acceding to the international human rights treaties to which the Republic of Belarus is not a party yet	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government
2. Drafting and submitting the draft law “On ratification of the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities” in accordance with the established procedure	2016	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, other bodies of the national government
3. Considering accession to the conventions of the Council of Europe of interest to the Republic of Belarus	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government

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**Institutional and human rights protection infrastructure, and policy measures**

4. Continuing comprehensive investigation of the expediency of establishing a national human rights institute in the Republic of Belarus	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government
5. Continuing the practice of involving public associations in discussing new legislative drafts, particularly by including members of such associations in public advisory councils; analyzing legislation with a focus on the necessity of incorporating provisions mandating increased public participation in governing the society and the state	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Justice, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research, other national government bodies
6. Reviewing the performance of public advisory councils under national government bodies, with a view to increasing transparency of their activities	2016 - 2019	National government bodies
7. Continuing the policy of extending invitations to public associations to participate in national and international activities on the promotion and protection of human rights	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government
8. Improving the mechanisms of expanding the use of the social contracting to support the activities of non-governmental organizations specializing in the provision of social services to the population	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, other bodies of the national government, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
9. Cooperating with the UN Human Rights Committee on implementing procedures for the consideration of individual complaints pursuant to the relevant Optional Protocol to the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights dated December 16, 1966	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Investigative Committee

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10. Analyzing the human right complaints most frequently filed by the Belarusian citizens to the UN Human Rights Committee pursuant to the individual complaints procedure, and of the judgements on such complaints made by the Committee, with a view to possible consideration of these opinions for the improvement of the legislation and the law enforcement practice thereof	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Supreme Court, General Prosecutor's Office
11. Reviewing international practices of cooperating with the UN Human Rights Committee under the individual complaints procedure, including the approaches exercised by the states while responding to the Committee's judgements, requests for their publication, and considering options for utilizing the foreign practices in the Republic of Belarus	2016 - 2019	-- // --
12. Analyzing legislation with regard to the compliance with the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Societal agencies to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms dated December 9, 1998	2017	National Center for Legislation and Legal Research
<b>Cooperation with the human rights mechanisms, including the treaty bodies</b>		
13. Continuing the practice of extending invitations to perform official visits under the special thematic procedures of the UN Human Rights Council	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
14. Reviewing the international practices related to extending standing invitations to the special thematic procedures of the UN Human Rights Council	2017 - 2019	-- // --
15. Continuing the practice of exchanging information on the issues pertaining to the relevant mandates under the special thematic procedures of the UN Human Rights Council	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government

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16. Ensuring timely preparation of periodic reports to the human rights treaty bodies and of the national report under the third UNHRC universal periodic review cycle, as well as presentation (advocacy) of these reports, involving the representatives of the interested national government bodies	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government
17. Reviewing the final recommendations made by the UN human rights treaty bodies (emerging from the review of the national periodic reports submitted by the Republic of Belarus) by the interested bodies of the national government	2017 - 2019	-- // --
18. Continuing the practice of organizing joint events with international organizations on the promotion and protection of human rights	2016 - 2019	-- // --
19. Exploring the expediency of establishing an advisory position for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights at the UN/UNDP Office in the Republic of Belarus based on international best practices	2017 - 2018	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
20. Exploring options for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' visit the Republic of Belarus	2016 - 2017	-- // --
21. Exploring options for extending an invitation to visit the Republic of Belarus to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children	2017	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Health
<b>Equality and non-discrimination</b>		
22. Analyzing the legislation in order to assess the need for consolidating special regulatory directions prohibiting discrimination on any and all grounds, and to evaluate the expediency of drafting a special legislative act to prohibit such discrimination	2017 - 2019	National Center for Legislation and Legal Research

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23. Reviewing and amending the national legal framework with the purpose of identifying and eliminating any and all provisions that may discriminate against people living with HIV	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, other relevant national government bodies
24. Broadening the scope of non-governmental organizations' involvement in facilitating the exercise of human rights by the inmates of penal institutions	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, General Prosecutor's Office
<b>Right to life, freedom and security</b>		
25. Investigating options for amending the existing legal framework and/or enacting new legislation on prevention of domestic violence	2016 - 2017	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
26. Conducting public information and awareness campaigns on the prevention of domestic violence; increasing awareness about the negative consequences of domestic violence, and the current legal framework in the field of domestic violence	2016 - 2019	Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Health
27. Improving the aid system for the victims of domestic violence through expanding the network of crisis rooms, building the capacity of the professionals, and strengthening the inter-agency cooperation to deliver proper assistance	2016 - 2019	Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs
28. Improving re-socialization of inmates after their release from penal institutions	2016 - 2019	Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Health



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29. Reviewing the international practices concerning the use of audio and video recordings of police interrogations in pretrial detention centers and local police precincts as a means of preventing torture, cruel and inhumane treatment of prisoners and detainees; evaluating the relevance of such practices for Belarus	2017 - 2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Prosecutor's Office, Investigative committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Security Committee (KGB)
30. Implementing the program on construction and renovation in 2011-2017 of facilities operated by the Department of Finance and Logistics of the Ministry of Interior, Main Directorate of Internal Affairs of the Minsk City Executive Committee, and the administrations of internal affairs of the Oblasts' executive committees pursuant to the Belarus Council of Ministers Resolution No. 195 dated February 15, 2011 (see the National Registry of Legal Acts of the Republic of Belarus, 2011, #23, 5/33339), also in order to further improve the well-being of the persons temporarily held in detention centers, among others	2016 - 2017	Ministry Internal Affairs
31. Conducting public information and awareness campaigns on the prevention of human trafficking and protection of the victims of human trafficking, including in collaboration with international organizations	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection
32. Promoting the Republic of Belarus' initiatives to mobilize international efforts to combat trafficking in persons among international organizations	2018 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs
33. Ensuring criminal prosecution and preventing impunity for the perpetrators of human trafficking	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Prosecutor's Office, Investigative committee, State Security Committee (KGB), Supreme Court
34. Training of police officers and officers from other government agencies in identifying, protecting and assisting victims of human trafficking	2018 - 2019	Ministry Internal Affairs

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35. Hosting international events on combating human trafficking and protecting the victims of human trafficking at the International Training Center of Education, Vocational Training and Re-qualification in the Area of Migration and Combating Human Trafficking under the Academy at the Ministry of Internal Affairs	2018 - 2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health
36. Implementing activities to facilitate comprehensive exploration of the international trends in the application of the death penalty and of the public attitudes towards capital punishment	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government
37. Discussing the issue of amending the legislation that would suspend the court hearing of a criminal case if a defendant alleges the use of torture to extract his/her confession until such allegations have been conclusively investigated	2016 - 2019	Supreme Court, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Investigative Committee
<b>The justice system, including the rule of law.</b>		
38. Considering improvements to the review procedure for the court decisions that have not entered into force so as to introduce an appeal procedure in the civic law	2016 - 2017	Supreme Court, Ministry of Justice, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research
39. Considering the expediency of introducing special administrative proceedings to adjudicate disputes between citizens and the state represented by government agencies and officers thereof	2017 - 2019	Supreme Court, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research
40. Considering the introduction of a procedure for pretrial settlement (mediation) of the cases in the criminal process	2016 - 2018	Supreme Court, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research, Investigative Committee, General Prosecutor's Office
41. Considering the options to extend the use of alternative methods of dispute resolution, conciliatory and restorative justice throughout the justice system	2016 - 2018	Supreme Court, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research, Ministry of Justice, Investigative Committee

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42. Based on the international practices, considering the expediency of amending the existing legal framework on arrest, incarceration and administrative detention	2018 - 2019	Supreme Court, General Prosecutor's Office, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Investigative Committee, Ministry of
43. Considering options for conducting a public debate on the measures to improve legislation on the justice system	2017 - 2019	Supreme Court
44. Drafting amendments to the Education Code of the Republic of Belarus guaranteeing the provision of general secondary education to minors under arrest	2016 - 2017	Supreme Court
45. Exploring the expediency of adding provisions on making the distant upper-secondary and tertiary education available for the inmates of penal institutions to the Penal Execution Code of the Republic of Belarus	2016 - 2017	-- // --
46. Considering options for expanding access to vocational, upper-secondary, tertiary and continuing education for the inmates of juvenile correctional facilities	2017 - 2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection
<b>Right to private life, marriage and family, rights of the child.</b>		
47. Facilitating the strengthening of activities of the Friends of the Family; promoting Belarus' involvement in international initiatives in support of family values	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government

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48. Implementing activities in support of family values that contribute to mainstreaming family as a lifestyle	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
49. Taking steps to enable children in need of alternative care to be raised in family-type settings	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Education
50. Taking steps to strengthen families with a view to prevent and reduce the cases of termination of parental rights, and to support families and legal caregivers in the exercise of their parental rights, while acknowledging the role of the family, a societal unit, as the natural setting for child development and well-being	2016 - 2019	Oblast executive committees, Minsk Executive Committee, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs
51. Implementing activities on suicide prevention among adolescents and strengthening counselling services in the context of implementing the Set of Measures to Prevent Suicidal Behavior of the Population of the Republic of Belarus for 2015-2019 adopted by the Ministry of Health on April 7, 2015	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs
52. Analyzing court and investigative practices in crimes against freedom, honor and dignity of minors	2016 - 2017	Supreme Court, General Prosecutor's Office, Investigative Committee
53. Considering the expediency of an obligatory parental leave for fathers	2016 - 2017	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection
<b>Right to freedom of speech, opinion, belief and religion, rights to peaceful assembly, and the right to political participation</b>		
54. Monitoring compliance with the legislation on the Mass Media	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Information

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55. Conducting regular international events for the editorial boards of the Media outlets, journalists and members of the expert communities (e.g. exhibitions, forums, conferences) with a view to promote the right to the freedom of speech	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Information, other national government bodies
56. Reviewing the international practices on authorization of mass events, and considering the expediency of such experience's application in the national context	2017 - 2018	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research
57. Continuing the cooperation with the OSCE on improving the electoral processes in the Republic of Belarus	2016 - 2019	Central Election Committee, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Information, Ombudsman for Religious and Inter-Ethnic Affairs
58. Developing and implementing, on an annual basis, educational programs for journalists on inter-confessional and inter-ethnic relations in the Republic of Belarus, with a view to promoting the rights to the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion; providing incentives to the Mass Media and journalists to efficiently promote ideas of inter-confessional peace and harmony, through conducting an annual creative contest on this topic	2016 - 2019	Central Election Committee, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Information, Ombudsman for Religious and Inter-Ethnic Affairs
<b>Right to work, fair and favorable working conditions</b>		
59. Implementing the activities listed in Subprogramme 1 (Employment Promotion) of the State Program on Social Protection and Employment Promotion for 2016-2020 enacted by the Council of Ministers Resolution No. 73 on January 30, 2016 (see the National Internet Portal of Legal Information, 12.02.3016, 5/41675), including the employment of the most vulnerable groups – women and youth – as well as assisting the unemployed in starting their own businesses	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, other bodies of the national government

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60. Raising awareness on the national labor law among the international organizations	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection
61. Reviewing the case law on safeguarding the rights of women to equal treatment in the workplace	2017 - 2018	Supreme Court
<b>Right to welfare and a decent living standards.</b>		
62. Providing targeted state social assistance to the citizens of the Republic of Belarus in line with the current legislation	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
63. Promoting the social inclusion of persons with disabilities in the context of Subprogram 5 (“Social Inclusion of People with Disabilities and the Elderly”) of the Government Program on Social Protection and Employment Promotion of the Population for 2016-2020	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Education other bodies of the national government, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
64. Providing assisted living services to children and adults with disabilities in residential care with a view to preparing them for independent living outside inpatient institutions	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
<b>Right to health.</b>		
65. Improving coordination among government agencies and non-governmental organizations engaged in the provision of palliative care services	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee

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66. Expanding public information and awareness campaigns on HIV transmission prevention, avoiding discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS, under the implementation of Subprogram 5 (HIV prevention) of the Government Program "Public Health and Demographic Security of the Republic of Belarus for 2016-2020" approved by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, Resolution No. 200 dated March 14, 2016 (see the National Internet Portal of Legal Information, 30.03.2016, 5/41840)	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health
67. Assessing the socio-economic impact of methadone replacement therapy in the Republic of Belarus, aimed at developing concrete recommendations on improving this type of medical assistance	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Internal Affairs
68. Analyzing the legal framework to eliminate provisions that prohibit the employment of people living with HIV	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, National Center for Legislation and Legal Research
69. Designing and implementing the national model of family planning services	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health
70. Improving the operation of youth-friendly centers providing services to adolescents and the youth, including reproductive health services, HIV testing and counselling for at-risk adolescents provided, among others, on an anonymous basis	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
71. Organizing and conducting activities, including information provision through the Mass Media, to educate the public on reproductive health matters, as well as on the harmful effects of abortions and on abortion prevention	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
72. Expanding public information and awareness activities with a view to motivating the population to participate in health screening program and to undergo preventive medical examinations	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee

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73. Performing a study of the factors affecting the prevalence of healthy lifestyles, reproductive health, life expectancy and well-being among various segments of the population (including social and age strata, and gender groups)	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health
74. Developing a communication strategy aimed at improving reproductive health, quality of living and increasing life expectancy among various segments of the population (including social and age strata, and gender groups); safeguarding the implementation of the strategy by health workers and other professionals	2016 - 2019	-- // --
75. Developing the national strategy on improving the health of children and adolescents based on the WHO strategy	2016 - 2019	-- // --
76. Expanding motivational counseling for persons abusing alcohol and people with other addictions	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
77. Developing a psychosocial support program for psychoactive substances users	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Education
78. Ensuring access to methadone replacement programs for residents of all administrative-territorial units	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
79. Exploring options and assessing the expediency of expanding the network of rehabilitation centers for alcohol and drug users, including the establishment of social rehabilitation centers	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee



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80. Exploring the need for amending the legislation aimed at improving preventive anti-drug activities, promoting social rehabilitation of drug users, and preventing crimes perpetrated by such persons	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Prosecutor's Office
<b>Right to education and cultural rights.</b>		
81. Creating an enabling environment for teaching creative arts to children and adolescents in all administrative regions as a part of the extended education curriculum in the area of arts and culture	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Culture, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
82. Enabling the exercise of the right to enjoy culture in an a comfortable way by the visually impaired based on the principle of inclusion; exploring the possibilities of creating voice descriptions for the works of art	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Culture
83. Facilitating access to mobile cultural services for rural residents with no access to permanent cultural institutions	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Culture, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
84. Facilitating the development of the cultures of the ethnic communities established in the Republic of Belarus, including by organizing and conducting corresponding cultural events	2016 - 2019	-- // --
<b>Rights of persons with disabilities.</b>		
85. Formulating scientifically grounded ideas to be incorporated into the National Action Plan on the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 13, 2006	2016	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection

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86. Improving the social services provision to families caring for children with disabilities	2016 - 2019	Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education
87. Increasing capacity and professional retraining of employees of the organizations that provide social services to persons with disabilities, including children	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
88. Provision of residential care services to eligible children with disabilities	2016 - 2019	-- // --
89. Implementing effective measures to facilitate the employment of persons with disabilities in the context of Subprogram 1 (Employment Promotion) of the Government Program on Social Protection and Employment Support of the Population for 2016-2020	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, other bodies of the national government
90. Facilitating the training of medical professionals, medical staff with upper-secondary education in provision of palliative care to adults and children in outpatient settings	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Health, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
91. Implementing a household sample survey aimed at performing a comprehensive assessment of the status of persons with disabilities	2016 - 2019	Belstat, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education

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**Human rights of migrants and refugees.**

92. Analyzing the legal regulation of the “best interests of the child” principle in the international treaties on forced migration and other human rights treaties to which the Republic of Belarus is a party, as well as in the multilateral treaties adopted under the UN framework, aimed at evaluating the need for incorporating the said principle in the laws on forced migration	2018	National Center for Legislation and Legal Research, Ministry of Internal Affairs
93. Reviewing the existing legal framework for compliance with the Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons (1954), Convention on Reduction of Statelessness (1961), and the European Citizenship Convention (1997)	2017 - 2018	National Center for Legislation and Legal Research
94. Evaluating the expediency of Belarus' accession to the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons, Convention on Reduction of Statelessness (1961), and the European Convention on Citizenship (1997)	2019	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
95. Increasing the professional capacity of the officers responsible for evaluating asylum, additional and interim protection requests to the Republic of Belarus, as well as for drafting the decisions on these requests	2016 - 2019	Ministry Internal Affairs

**Gender equality.**

96. Facilitating the drafting of the 5 <sup>th</sup> National Plan on Gender Equality, and monitoring the progress in its implementation	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, other bodies of the national government
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97. Ensuring regular publication of the statistical reference book “Men and Women in the Republic of Belarus” providing key gender statistics indicators	2016, 2018	BelStat
98. Strengthening the capacity of the National Council on Gender Policy under the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, including through ensuring the participation of the Council Members in informational, educational and exchange programs pertaining to the exchange of best practices on gender policy implementations	2016 - 2019	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other bodies of the national government
99. Considering the approval of the Gender Equality Concept of the Republic of Belarus	2016 - 2018	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, other bodies of the national government
100. Promoting regular coverage of gender equality issues in the Mass Media, conducting public information and awareness campaigns and educational activities aimed at eradicating gender stereotypes and improving the gender culture in the society	2016 - 2019	Oblast executive committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education, other bodies of the national government