



PARLIAMENTARIAN ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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International Human Rights Observer (IHRO) Pakistan for the first time in the country has established the Parliamentarian Assembly for Human Rights (PAHR). The aim of this initiative is to recognize and address all important human rights issues in the Parliament of Pakistan through elected parliamentarians. The parliamentarians involved in this project will try to ensure that parliamentary activities are undertaken to advance the full implementation of international human rights standards in the country. This is just neutral forum and initiative to address the issues on human rights in the parliament.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- ♦ To work for the rectification and implementation by Pakistan of Universal declaration of Human Rights and other related chartered covenant and protocols.
- ♦ To mobilize Parliamentarians for the protection of Human Rights thereby restoring confidence of people of Pakistan in parliament's ability to protect the rights of Pakistani citizens.
- ♦ To promote the strengthening of democratic institutions, at all possible levels.
- ♦ To promote legislation that supports the attainment of the Human Rights guaranteed in the Constitution of Pakistan and international Human Rights instruments.
- ♦ To exchange the parliamentarians delegations for training, legislation and better understanding on human rights issues.
- ♦ To act as a focal point for Human Rights activities within the Parliament for the organizations working outside it e.g. NGO's and other civil society organizations, active at all levels of Pakistani society.

METHODOLOGY:

Parliamentarian Assembly for Human Rights (PAHR) will use the following methodology to achieve its objectives.

- ♦ Using Parliamentary practices such as questions, call attention notices, adjournment Motions and resolutions, to draw Government's attention to Human Rights issues.
- ♦ Enhancing legislation for the protection of Human Rights, by presenting private member bills, Suggesting amendments and participating in the drafting of bills and in Parliamentary debates.
- ♦ Conducting consultation with national and international experts and organizations to ensure that the parliamentarians are guided by all available expertise in the area of Human Rights. Operating a citizen's complaint cell where the parliamentarians themselves receive and respond to People's complaints of rights violations.
- ♦ Conducting research on various Human Rights issues and documenting the same.
- ♦ Participating in the security of public institutions with Human Rights responsibilities such as prison, police etc.
- ♦ Publishing reports on all aspects of Human Rights and the assembly's contribution towards their protection and promotion.
- ♦ Liaising this project of IHRO with the relevant regional and international organizations.

MEMBERSHIP: All members of National and Provisional Assemblies and Senate of Pakistan are illegible to become the member of the Parliamentarian Assembly for Human Rights proving with their Assembly ID, NIC Copy, and One Picture

BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES AS A MEMBER:

- Will be officially recognized as a Supporter of Human Rights in the Assembly
- Will be given opportunities to attend training seminars, conferences and campaigns on human rights issues on National and International level.
- Will be given opportunities to attend the United Nations events at the UN Headquarters in New York , Geneva ,Austria and in different countries
- Will be given “National Human Rights Services Award ” on best performance on Human Rights issues after every two years.
- Will be facilitated protection and legal aid on requirement.