



Lietuvos žmogaus teisių centras



## MEMORANDUM

### ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION

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Non-governmental organizations working in the field of human rights and anti-discrimination, concerned about

- *Regression in the field of human rights since Lithuania's accession to the European Union in 2004;*
- *Lack of political will and government's inability to formulate a coherent, effective and progressive human rights policy;*
- *The disappointment of the people resulting in mistrust of government institutions, emigration, aggression and civic passivity;*
- *Lack of public awareness with regard to human rights;*
- *Worrying situation of vulnerable groups in society;*
- *Growing radicalization of certain segments of the society, the level of hatred and discrimination,*

commit to work together to strengthen protection of human rights and freedoms, principles of equal opportunities and anti-discrimination in Lithuania, and to this end establish a *Human Rights Coalition*.

#### **Vision**

A country where every person is free, safe and respected.

#### **Mission**

To contribute to effective implementation of human rights, and principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

## **Values**

Coalition operates on the basis of democratic values and human rights based on human dignity, equality, freedom, respect, non-discrimination, justice and responsibility.

## **Objectives**

- Monitoring implementation of human rights and principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination in Lithuania on the grounds of disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, nationality, religion, belief, language, origin, social status, opinion and other grounds;
- Disclosure of human rights violations, drawing attention of state institutions and society to the rights of socially vulnerable persons and potential violations of their rights;
- Seeking accountability and responsibility of state institutions for violations of human rights – each violation of human rights should receive adequate reaction.

## **Activities**

- Monitoring and analysis of draft legislation;
- Monitoring of state institutions' activities as relevant to human rights;
- Public reaction towards relevant and potential human rights violations;
- Participation in preparation of human rights overviews;
- Preparation of alternative reports to international human rights bodies.

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