

PREFACE

Seven decades have passed since the Universal Declaration on Human Rights was enacted. Yet, all around the world, people from different countries continue to struggle to fulfill these rights.

While the characteristics of this fight vary from continent to continent and from country to country, the objective is always the same: to live in a place where the enjoyment of all human rights is not just an aspiration but a reality.

This publication consists of ten articles that explore various human rights related issues that are of special concern in selected countries. We hope that this dossier will serve as a reminder that promoting and encouraging respect for human rights remain a matter of the highest priority for the global community.

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