

DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

ABOUT THE DECLARATION



The Declaration's **PURPOSE** is to provide **SUPPORT AND PROTECTION** to all actors defending human rights through peaceful means, which the Declaration defines as a **HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER (HRD)**



Each Article in the Declaration on HRDs comes from human rights instruments that states are **OBLIGED TO COMPLY**

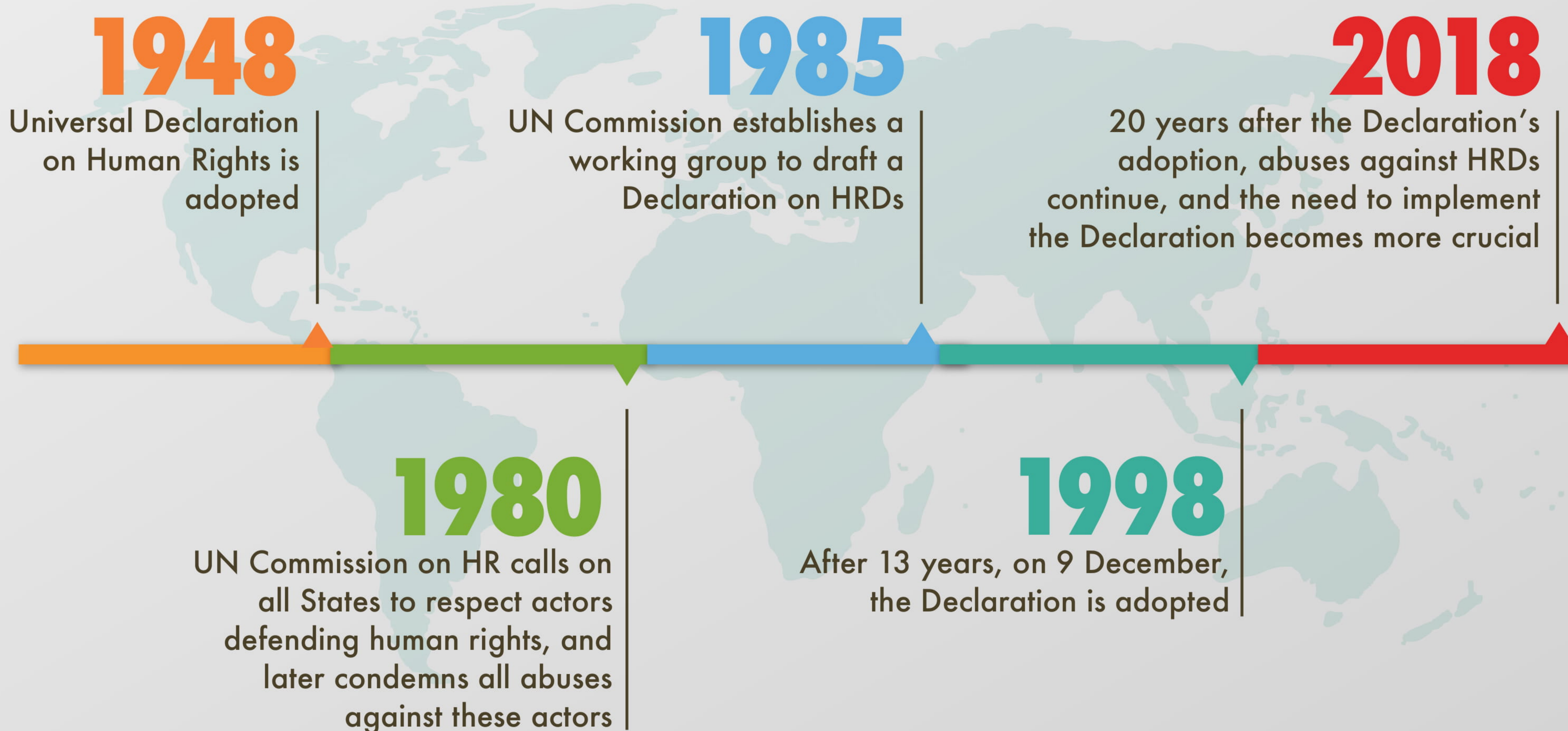


It outlines how existing **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS APPLY TO HRDs**, and highlights state and non-state actors' responsibilities in defending HRDs' rights



The Declaration was adopted in 1998 by **ALL UN MEMBER STATES**, reflecting states' strong commitment to recognising and supporting HRDs

HISTORY OF THE DECLARATION



FORUM-ASIA recognises the need to address the on-going violations against and criminalisation of HRDs, who play a key role in ensuring that everyone's human rights are protected and fulfilled. To this end, on the 20th year anniversary of the Declaration on HRDs, FORUM-ASIA is producing visual materials that emphasise the importance of HRDs and their contributions, the rights they have, and the responsibilities of others towards HRDs, under the Declaration.