

DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION EMPHASISES THAT EVERYONE, INCLUDING **NON-STATE ACTORS**, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS (HRDS).

NON-VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

NO ONE shall participate in **VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS**, engage in activities aimed at the destruction of rights and/or promote activities that are contrary to international human rights standards
(Article 10, 19 and 20)

NO ONE shall be **PUNISHED FOR REFUSING TO ENGAGE IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**
(Article 10)

SAFEGUARDING HUMAN RIGHTS

EVERYONE has the responsibility **TO PROMOTE AND SAFEGUARD HUMAN RIGHTS** and democracy
(Article 11)

EVERYONE has an important role in **CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT** where the human rights of all can be fulfilled
(Article 18)



NON-STATE ACTORS MUST ENSURE THAT THEY SUPPORT, PROMOTE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF HRDS. HRDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO HOLD THESE ACTORS ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY VIOLATIONS BY USING VARIOUS MECHANISMS AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

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.

