## HELLENIC REPUBLIC GREEK NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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## Defining the Status of Cultural Rights in Domestic Legal Order and the Relevant Action of the NCHR

The above issue was forwarded to the Plenary by the Second Sub-Commission which decided to propose to the NCHR the promotion of the status of cultural rights in Greece. The NCHR took into account the international, European and national standards of cultural rights protection and concluded that even though in Greece there are institutional safeguards for cultural rights the latter have not been adequately advanced or protected by the State in actual practice. The NCHR pointed out the need for protecting not only "horizontal" cultural rights covering the whole population of the country but also "vertical" cultural rights regarding members of minority groups who live in Greece and constitute a significant part of contemporary Greek society.

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