Implementation of UN Human Rights Mechanisms’ Decisions in Turkey

WORKSHOP

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PROGRAMME

AÇILIŞ

09:00 - 09:20 Reception and registration

09:20 - 09:45 Introduction: A New Actor in the Turkish Human Right Field: A Better Use of UN Mechanisms for the Turkish Civil Society
- Introduction to the workshop, its scope, our project and the aim of the workshop
  Feray Salman, Human Rights Joint Platform
- Presentation: Why UN mechanisms are important for Turkey (Turkish perspective)
  Kerem Altıparmak, International Commission of Jurists
- Presentation: Why UN mechanisms are important for Turkey (international perspective)
  Róisín Pillay, International Commission of Jurists

09:45-10:00 Coffee/Tea Break

SESSION 1: UN Mechanisms’ Decisions and Reports under International Law

10:00 - 11:00 Session 1a: UN Human Rights Mechanisms: an overview
- The landscape of UN human rights mechanisms: treaty bodies and charter based bodies. What are their differences and their pros and cons
  Theodora Krumova, United Nations
- Treaty-bodies: how do they work?
  Theodora Krumova, United Nations
- Charter-based bodies: how do they work?
  Róisín Pillay, International Commission of Jurists
- Discussion

11:00 - 12:00 Session 1b: UN Human Rights Mechanisms: implementation of decisions and follow up under international law and comparative examples
1 - At UN Level
   a - Treaty bodies: how it works; how to access it and use it; case samples
      Theodora Krumova, United Nations
   b - Charter-based bodies: how it works; how to access it and use it; case samples
      Róisín Pillay, International Commission of Jurists
2 - Situation of implementation in other countries (a comparative take)
   Theodora Krumova, United Nations, Roisin Pillay, International Commission of Jurists
3 - Discussion

12:00 - 12:30 Presentation of cases for brainstorming session

12:30 - 13:30 Luncheon
SESSION 2: The Value of UN Decisions under Turkish Law

13:30 - 15:00  Does Article 90 of the Constitution include decisions of the UN bodies?

1 - The Legal Value of Treaty and Charter Based UN Mechanisms’ Decisions under Article 90 of the Constitution
   Kerem Altiparmak, International Commission of Jurists
2 - Presentation of Key Decisions on Turkey before UN Human Rights Mechanisms
   Betül Durmuş, Koç University

15:00 - 15:30  Coffee/Tea Break

SESSION 3: Brainstorming Session: Practical Discussion on How to Use UN Decisions

15:30 - 16:45  Break-out groups: How to persuade domestic courts about the binding nature of the decisions of the UN mechanisms

16:45 - 17:15  Discussion in plenary

17:15 - 17:30  Evaluation, steps ahead and end of the workshop