

Appeal to the European Parliament, the Commission, the EEAS and the Council

TAKE ACTION NOW TO ELIMINATE CASTE DISCRIMINATION

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As part of a set of recommendations to the main EU institutions, the following specific recommendations were made to EU Delegations, the Commission and the External Action Service (EEAS):

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- Take joint action, giving international attention and recognition to caste discrimination as a chronic and cross-cutting human rights and poverty concern
- Address explicitly caste discrimination in EU human rights communications, frameworks and strategies and as a ground of discrimination which must be tackled as part of EU anti-discrimination agenda and include specific reference to *people affected by caste discrimination*
- Systematically address human rights violations and poverty issues intersecting with caste discrimination in country strategies and thematic analyses, and promote dialogues with governments, UN agencies, member states and civil society on the topic
- Promote the draft UN Principles and Guidelines for the elimination of discrimination based on work and descent as a guiding framework to eliminate caste discrimination and support their endorsement
- Apply caste sensitive policies and programming measures in humanitarian and development assistance provide technical and institutional support for development and enforcement of anti-discrimination laws, National Action Plans and programmes to promote access to justice, services and resources for affected communities
- Hold regular consultations on this topic with civil society organisations and representatives of affected communities
- Promote sharing of good practices to eliminate caste discrimination by governments and their institutions, the private sector, civil society, and other relevant actors
- Take special measures to avoid caste biases in own recruitment practices and work environments
- Cooperate with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the effective elimination of discrimination based on work and descent and address this problem in the joint cooperation between the EU and the OHCHR on the Fight against All Forms of Discrimination
- In the UNHRC and other international fora pursue concerns on caste discrimination raised by the OHCHR, treaty bodies and special procedures and address caste-related human rights violations in reviews of caste-affected countries