

the pluralist representation of the social forces (of civilian society) involved in the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly by powers which will enable effective cooperation to be established with, or through the presence of, representatives of:

(a) Non-governmental organisations responsible for human rights and efforts to combat racial discrimination, trade unions, concerned social and professional organizations, for example, associations of lawyers, doctors, journalists and eminent scientists;

(b) Trends in philosophical or religious thought;

(c) Universities and qualified experts;

(d) Parliament;

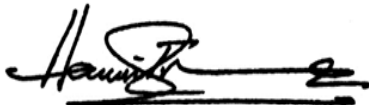
(e) Government departments (if these are included, their representatives should participate in the deliberations only in an advisory capacity).”

AiNNI proposes the following for the upcoming appointments in TN-SWC -

- The appointing committee of the TN-SWC should be composed independently from civil society members having proven record in the protection and promotion of women rights and human rights.
- The independent appointment committee should take into consideration the contributions to human rights made by each of the eligible applicants for appointment as the Chairperson and Members of the TN-SWC.
- The independent appointment committee should evolve definite criteria to be put in place to evaluate each of these eligible candidates which then forms the basis of selection by the appointing committee.
- The independent appointment committee should share these criteria and the assessment procedure through newspapers and appropriate websites, hence making the process transparent and independent.
- It is also pertinent that ‘inclusiveness’ component is given the required attention to ensure that women from marginalised sections of the society also have due representation in the TN-SWC.

Complete adherence to the UN Paris Principles is much needed to ensure independence and autonomy of the institution. AiNNI sincerely hopes that your goodself will ensure complete adherence to Paris Principles in the upcoming appointments to TN-SWC.

Yours sincerely,



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