

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2015

Introduction

In 2015, IIMA carried out various activities in accordance with the following Pillars of Action: Advocacy, Training and Capacity Building, and Communication.

Pillars of Action

1 – **Advocacy**: we provide UN experts and Member States representatives with relevant and reliable information on how human rights are being implemented at the local level, including denunciation of violations. IIMA Human Rights Office carries out this action in close collaboration with local members. Moreover, we provide local human rights defenders, including educators and youth, with the possibility to participate in relevant UN meetings and to advocate for their own rights.

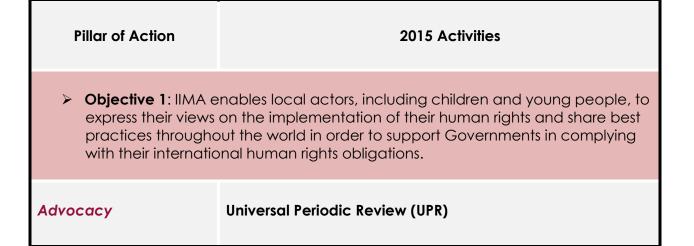
2 – **Training and Capacity Building**: we organize training courses, in Geneva and at the local level, to make Human Rights Defenders aware of the UN international mechanisms and procedures intended to protect human rights.

3 – **Communication**: we disseminate information in order to raise awareness of human rights at the national level.

Within the above-mentioned pillars of action, we work in synergy with other NGOs and Institutions in order to bring major issues to the attention of the international community and to identify top priorities for the human rights agenda.

The pillars of action are further defined below, and include their relationship to the strategic objectives of the organization.

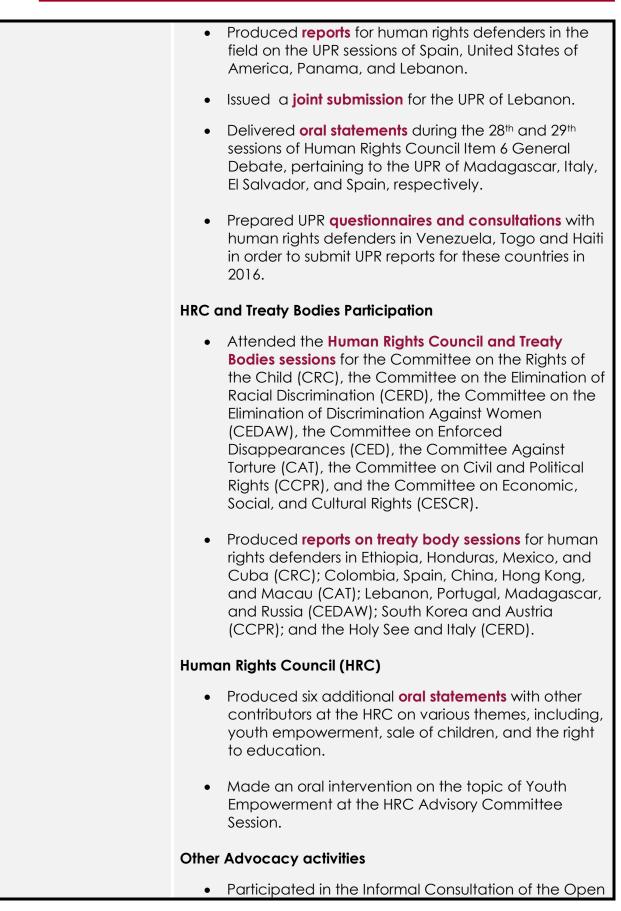
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	 Ended Inter-governmental Working Group on a draft UN declaration on the right to peace and delivered two oral statements on the issue in January 2015. Research-based reports Produced a joint position paper, "A holistic approach of education," for the NGO Platform on the Right to Education on the Post-2015 Education Indicators proposed by the Technical Advisory Group of UNESCO.
Objective 2: IIMA reinforces the use of the defense mechanisms for children and youth rights among both IIMA educators and society at large.	
Training and Capacity Building	 Provided two training sessions for human rights defenders, especially educators, who operate at the local level through courses, seminars and interactive workshops, to raise awareness on Human Rights and the UN mechanisms for the protection of these rights. Provided training for eight youth activists who worked in the IIMA office and participated in the HRC.
Objective 3: IIMA shares advocacy tools as well as other human rights-based materials with local human rights defenders and international organizations.	
Communication & Fundraising	 Disseminated information through the IIMA blog (iimahumanrights.blogspot.ch) in order to raise awareness of human rights at the national and international levels. Thirty-nine (39) blog posts were produced in 2015. Information on IIMA's activities was also posted on Facebook and LinkedIn. Participated in various NGO working groups and platforms such as the Right to Education, the Right to Solidarity, the Catholic NGO Forum, and the International Catholic Center of Geneva.