

Hungary

Recognizing the vital contributions of minorities through every aspect of community life and protecting their rights is not only a matter of fairness it's also reaffirms the principles of the UN charter and the declaration on rights of minorities. This enshrines the obligation of states to protect the existence and rights of minorities and to promote the conditions of their flourishing. It also affirms the rights of persons belonging to minorities to enjoy their culture use their language and practice their religion and provides for their effective participation in cultural religious social economic and public life as well as in decision making processes. Hungary is committed to protecting and promoting minority rights with the purpose of ensuring that all communities can freely practice their religion, use their language and preserve their cultural identity, and we expect other countries to do the same. As part of its Roma inclusion strategy, the government places great emphasis on preserving Roma identity and reducing deep rooted stigmatisation and curbs(?) for assimilation. Hungary also follows closely the situation of Hungarian national minorities, living in neighbouring countries as well as the circumstances of persecuted Christian communities worldwide. Madame Chair, the Hungarian community in Transcarpathia is an integral part of Ukraine's diverse social and cultural landscape. However, since 2015 a series of legislative and policy changes in Ukraine, particularly in the fields of education, language use and local administration have significantly narrowed the scope and content of minority rights previously guaranteed under both national and international frameworks. We remain deeply concerned about these measures, since they have affected the ability of Hungarians in the Transcarpathia to receive an education in their mother tongue to use their language in public life, to maintain their cultural institutions, ... (cut off by chair due to time limit)