



framework of their mandates and responsibilities to:

- a) to provide a firm legal basis for Ombudsman institutions, preferably at the constitutional level, which guarantees their independence and provides them with the means necessary to accomplish their functions effectively, both at national and international levels;
  - b) to ensure that Ombuds Institutions enjoy organizational, administrative and financial independence in the implementation of their mandates;
  - c) to refrain from any action aiming at or resulting in undermining the integrity and independence of Ombuds institution and from any threats against such institutions and their staff;
  - d) To provide adequate premises, sufficient financial and human resources to carry out their mandates;
  - e) To ensure that the appointment process of the Ombudsperson, his deputies and staff are objective, merit-based, and free from any political interference;
  - f) To ensure enjoyment of functional immunity from prosecution, civil lawsuit and dismissal due to spoken or written statements for activities or decisions that are within the scope of responsibilities for the Ombudsperson and his staff, which should continue even after the end of their mandate.
  - g) To refer to international human rights standards, such as Paris Principles and Venice Principles, when undertaking legislative reforms concerning Ombuds Institutions.
3. AOM calls the attention of international and regional human rights organizations, such as OHCHR/GANHRI, Council of Europe, ODIHR, IOI and other regional networks to raise their voices in support of strengthening the Ombuds institutions, NHRIs and Mediators in line with Paris Principles and advocate for an enabling environment in which they can maximize their impact and resilience in performing their mandates.