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**Human Rights Centre**

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**Purpose of the Human Rights Centre**

For the promotion of fundamental and human rights there shall be a Human Rights Centre under the auspices of the Office of the [Parliamentary Ombudsman](http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2002/20020197?search%5btype%5d=pika&search%5bpika%5d=Laki%20eduskunnan%20oikeusasiamiehestÃ¤).

**Section 19 c** [**(20.5.2011/535)**](http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2002/20020197?search%5Btype%5D=pika&search%5Bpika%5D=Laki%20eduskunnan%20oikeusasiamiehest%C3%A4#a20.5.2011-535)

**The Director of the Human Rights Centre**

The Human Rights Centre shall have a Director, who must have good familiarity with fundamental and human rights. Having received the Constitutional Law Committee's opinion on the matter, the [Parliamentary Ombudsman](http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2002/20020197?search%5btype%5d=pika&search%5bpika%5d=Laki%20eduskunnan%20oikeusasiamiehestÃ¤) shall appoint the Director for a four-year term.

The Director shall be tasked with heading and representing the Human Rights Centre as well as resolving those matters within the remit of the Human Rights Centre that are not assigned under the provisions of this Act to the Human Rights Delegation.

**Section 19 d [(20.5.2011/535)](http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2002/20020197?search%5Btype%5D=pika&search%5Bpika%5D=Laki%20eduskunnan%20oikeusasiamiehest%C3%A4" \l "a20.5.2011-535" \o "Linkki muutossäädöksen voimaantulotietoihin)**

**Tasks of the Human Rights Centre**

The tasks of the Human Rights Centre are:

1) to promote information, education, training and research concerning fundamental and human rights as well as cooperation relating to them;

2) to draft reports on implementation of fundamental and human rights;

3) to present initiatives and issue statements in order to promote and implement fundamental and human rights;

4) to participate in European and international cooperation associated with promoting and safeguarding fundamental and human rights;

5) to take care of other comparable tasks associated with promoting and implementing fundamental and human rights.

The Human Rights Centre does not handle complaints.

In order to perform its tasks, the Human Rights Centre shall have the right to receive the necessary information and reports free of charge from the authorities.

**Section 19 e [(20.5.2011/535)](http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2002/20020197?search%5Btype%5D=pika&search%5Bpika%5D=Laki%20eduskunnan%20oikeusasiamiehest%C3%A4" \l "a20.5.2011-535" \o "Linkki muutossäädöksen voimaantulotietoihin)**

**Human Rights Delegation**

The Human Rights Centre shall have a Human Rights Delegation, which the [Parliamentary Ombudsman](http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2002/20020197?search%5btype%5d=pika&search%5bpika%5d=Laki%20eduskunnan%20oikeusasiamiehestÃ¤), having heard the view of the Director of the Human Rights Centre, shall appoint for a four-year term. The Director of the Human Rights Centre shall chair the Human Rights Delegation. In addition, the Delegation shall have not fewer than 20 and no more than 40 members. The Delegation shall comprise representatives of civil society, research in the field of fundamental and human rights as well as of other actors participating in the promotion and safeguarding of fundamental and human rights. The Delegation shall choose a deputy chair from among its own number. If a member of the Delegation resigns or dies mid-term, the Ombudsman shall appoint a replacement for him or her for the remainder of the term.

The Office Commission of the [Parliament](http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2002/20020197?search%5btype%5d=pika&search%5bpika%5d=Laki%20eduskunnan%20oikeusasiamiehestÃ¤) shall confirm the remuneration of the members of the Delegation.

The tasks of the Delegation are:

1) to deal with matters of fundamental and human rights that are far-reaching and important in principle;

2) to approve annually the Human Rights Centre's operational plan and the Centre's annual report;

3) to act as a national cooperative body for actors in the sector of fundamental and human rights.

A quorum of the Delegation shall be present when the chair or the deputy chair as well as at least half of the members are in attendance. The opinion that the majority has supported shall constitute the decision of the Delegation. In the event of a tie, the chair shall have the casting vote.

To organise its activities, the Delegation may have a work committee and sections. The Delegation may adopt rules of procedure.