Citizens Rights Watch, a new platform where citizens can demand their rights

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United Kingdom, London, August 11, 2014: CITIZENS RIGHTS WATCH or “The Citizens” was recently incorporated in London under UK law with incorporation number 9162648 of 2014 with headquarter in London. The new organization is an independent, non-governmental, non profit, and goal-oriented organization devoted to the protection of human rights and working to end human rights abuses. The Citizens’ primary concern is to promote and protect internationally recognized human rights, while offering to citizens of the world, service into their struggle for human rights.

The Citizens has a global reach, generates citizens' rights advocacy and is focusing in human rights activism. The mission of the organization can be fulfilled by redirecting the international community’s attention in cases where citizens' dignity and rights are abused. The Citizens focuses on monitoring, research and analysis in the field of human rights, as well as promotion of democracy and the rule of law on the national and international level.

Citizens Rights Watch is guided by international human rights law norms as incorporated into the 1948, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as other international human rights law instruments, and the customary international law of human rights.

Citizens Rights Watch’s motivation in engaging with this work is driven by faith in the contribution that NGOs can have in the human rights world. NGOs are the incarnation of democracy, and the practical manifestation of the real power to the people on a day-to-day basis. In that sense The Citizens can become a real practical political tool that can provide to the citizens of the world real choices of action in accordance to their democratic principles, and can be used to pressure the governments of the day in an unprecedentedly powerful way.

The growth of organized civil society in the global scene and of NGOs as organizational manifestations of the human rights movement has dramatically altered the global political, economic & social landscape. The Citizens anticipates into contributing pragmatically to the human rights world and eventually to make a difference in the lives of people, by fuelling further uncoerced collective action for the rights of citizens all around the globe.

Is important to highlight that human rights are creatures of international law, created for protecting primarily the individual from the State’s interference with the enjoyment of the citizens freedoms; consequently, the relationship of the state and the individual or the citizen is one that is in constant need of examination, critical analysis, re-evaluation, as well as constant accountability testing. Public support and condemnation of abuses of human rights by governments is important to The Citizens’ realization, since as a human rights organization Citizens Rights Watch can become most effective when the calls for improvement of the protection of citizens rights are supported by solid public advocacy and political activism.

Citizens Rights Watch (The Citizens) is founded by number of human rights specialists, lawyers, businessmen, and academics, lead by Dr. Zoi Aliozi, Human Rights specialist and lawyer, who is appointed as CRW Secretary General, and CRW Trustees Council members formed of Dr. Roger Cook, Dr. Sudha Menon, Mr. Miguel Rodriguez, Mr. Stefan Teodosi?, Mr. Ahmed Jumaa, Ms. Athanasia Zagorianou. In addition to CRW Researchers team, Ms. Lynn Hamilton, Mr. Eric Helms, Ms. Helen Mitchell, Mr. Garib Darwish, Ms. Brittany Renken, Mr. Andres Felipe, Mr. Jim Taylor.

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