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A step-by-step guide to human rights fact-finding, documentation, and advocacy



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The Advocates for Human Rights:

- Investigates and exposes human rights violations internationally and in the United States;
- Represents immigrants and refugees who are victims of human rights abuses;
- Trains and assists groups that protect human rights; and
- Works through education and advocacy to engage the public, policy-makers and children about human rights and cultural understanding.

The Advocates for Human Rights was founded in 1983 by a group of Minnesota lawyers who recognized the community's unique spirit of social justice as an opportunity to promote and protect human rights in the United States and around the world. The organization has produced more than 75 reports documenting human rights practices in more than 25 countries, and works with partners overseas and in the United States to restore and protect human rights. The Advocates for Human Rights hold Special Consultative Status with the United Nations and Observer Status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

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