

ASU111: Human Rights

Assignment 2

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Answer the following:

1. What does the state obligation to protect mean?

Obligation to protect means that the state is obligated to protect individuals against abuses by non-state actors

2. What does the state obligation to respect mean?

Obligation to respect means that the state is obligated to refrain from interfering. it entails the prohibition of certain acts by governments that may prevent the enjoyment of human rights

3. Explain the State's obligation to respect, to protect and to fulfil for the following rights:

- Right to life

Respect: police shall not intentionally take life of suspect to prevent his escape in minor offence events

Protect: life threatening attacks by individuals against each other shall be considered crimes under domestic law, and the police should investigate them and bring the offenders to justice

Fulfil: authorities shall take legislative and administrative measures to reduce the progressively child mortality

- Right to vote

Respect: authorities shall not interfere with the voting process and shall respect election results

Protect: authorities shall organize voting by secret ballot to preclude threats by persons in power

Fulfil: authorities shall organize free and fair elections and ensure that as many citizens as possible can vote

- Right to health

Respect: authorities shall not restrict the right to health

Protect: health risking operations and illegal operations should be prohibited and eradicated like female genital mutilation

Fulfil: adequate number of hospitals and health care facilities should be equally accessible to all citizens

- Right to work

Respect: government should be recognizing individuals' freedom to seek employment without discrimination or forced labor

Protect: government should enforce labor laws, ensuring fair conditions, and preventing exploitation to protect it, also violation of rights of employees like unpaid overtime or prevention of vacation days shall be illegal

Fulfil: creating an enabling environment for job creation, investment, and skills development to reduce unemployment and promote economic well-being

- Right to education

Respect: government must respect the rights if parents of establishing private schools

Protect: government must protect the right of children from interference by third parties like parents or families who refuse to allow them to get the necessary education

Fulfil: government must provide ways and means for free and compulsory primary, secondary, and adult education for all citizens, also they are obligated to provide public schools and adequate number of teachers