PREFACE

Human rights are Universal; they belong to every human being in every human society. Human rights are inalienable and impriscriptible; they cannot be transferred; forfeited or waived; they cannot be lost by having been usurped or by one’s failure to exercise or assert them. Human rights are rights; they are not merely aspiration, or assertions of the good. To call them “rights” implies that they are claims “as of rights”, not by appeal to grace, or charity, or brotherhood or love; they need not be earned or deserved. The idea of rights implies entitlement on the part of the holder in some order under some applicable norm; the idea of human rights implies entitlement in a moral order under a moral law, to be translated into and confirmed as legal entitlement in the legal order of a political society. Realization of human is our common responsibility, and its achievement is entirely dependent on the contribution that each and everyone will be willing to make. I hope that this thesis will be a minuscule effort to promote Human Rights culture in this society.

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