



WHAT IS STATELESSNESS?

➤ Who are stateless people?

Today, there are millions of stateless people in the world. Stateless is a person who is not considered a national by any State.

➤ What does statelessness mean?

Statelessness means a delay in access to basic human rights and freedoms, the impossibility of proper realization of one's rights. Stateless persons are forced to live at risk of discrimination and violation of other fundamental rights.

➤ What causes statelessness?

The statelessness problem in States is caused by various reasons, including the disintegration of States and the emergence of new States, different citizenship legislations, discriminatory laws, loss or deprivation of citizenship, improper birth registration and documentation, etc.

➤ What are the consequences of statelessness?

Stateless persons are limited in their ability to live freely, obtain a residence permit, own and dispose of property, move freely and travel. Access to health services, education, and employment, are also challenging for them which creates a risk to economic and social well-being for them. All of these seriously damage the physical and mental health of stateless persons.

➤ What should the State do?

The State has an obligation to eliminate the problem of statelessness within its territory and to create proper opportunities for stateless persons to freely enjoy their rights.

➤ Whom to apply for legal assistance?

If you need legal assistance, contact "Rights Georgia":

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