

# Human Rights Protection as a Foundation for Security in Asia-Pacific



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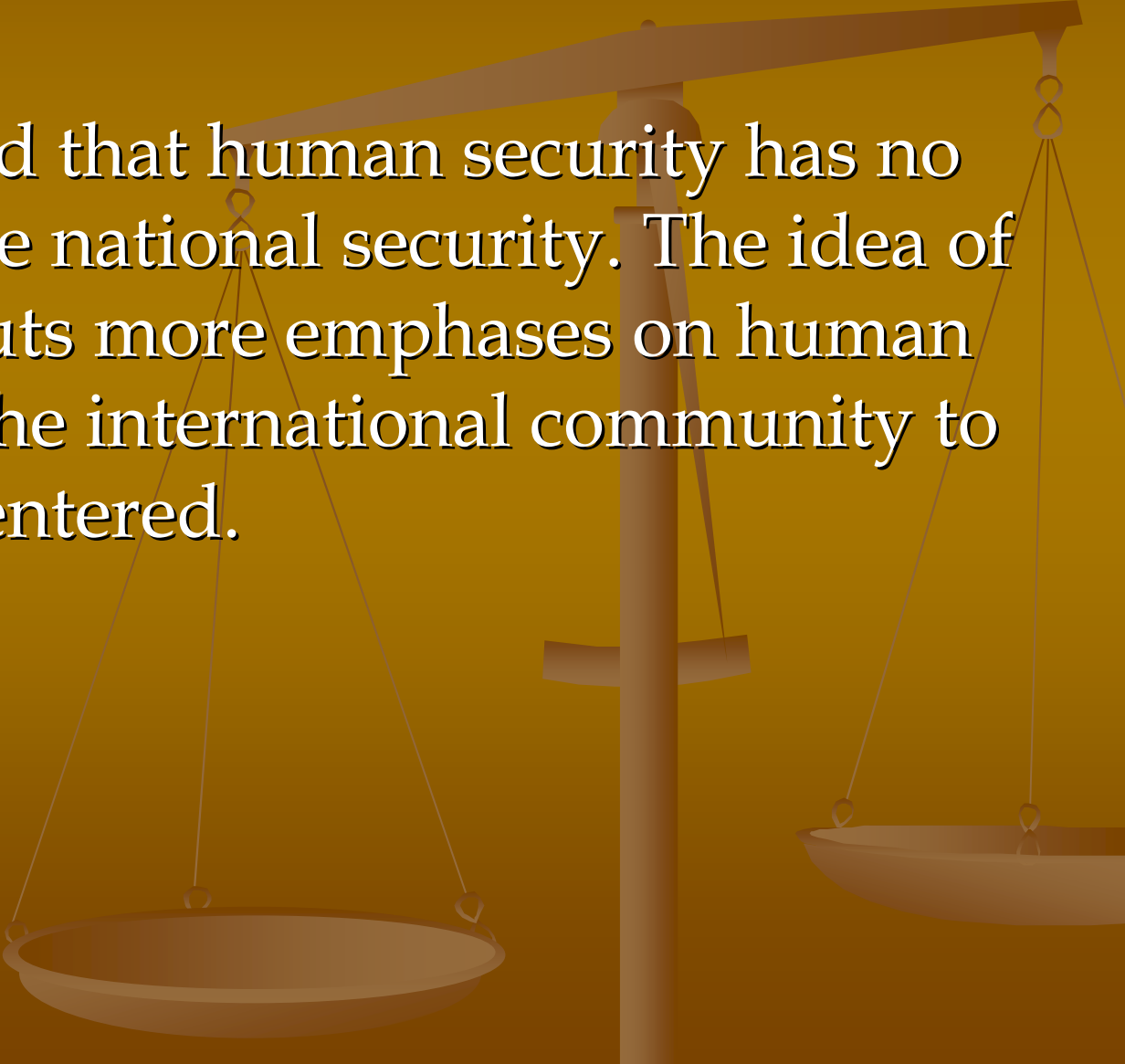
# Five points



1. what security we are pursuing? national security or human security?
2. human security is not so different from human rights.
3. human rights developments in Taiwan since 2000.
4. a joint cross-strait human rights commission for Taiwan and China.
5. a real human rights mechanism in Asia-Pacific.

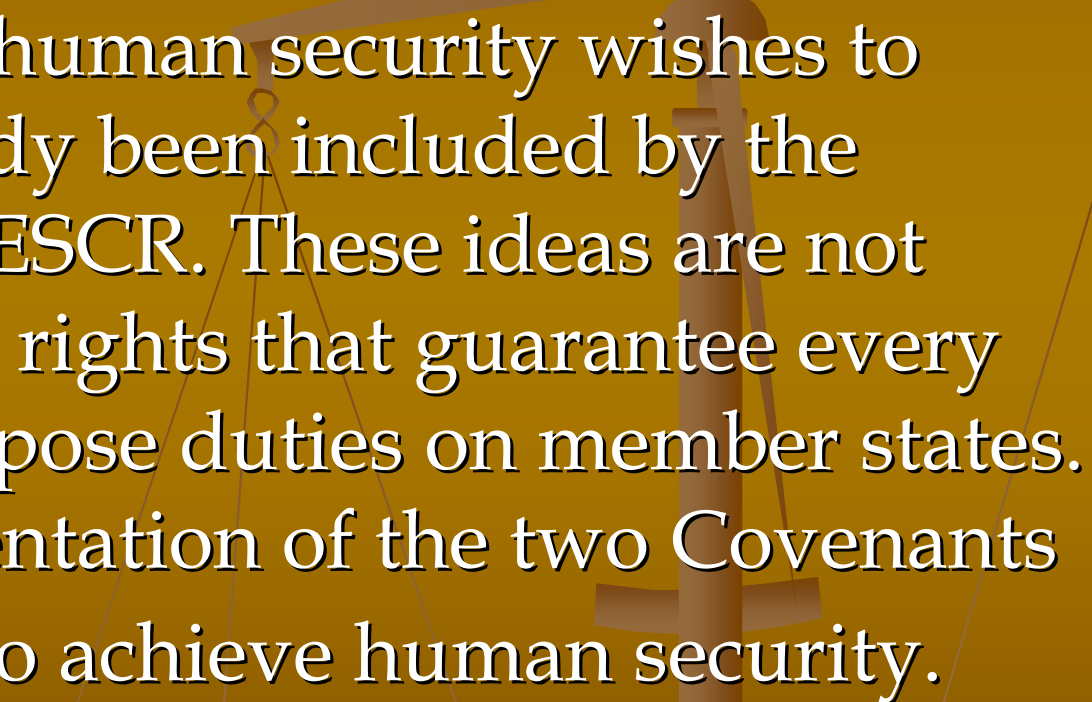
# 1. what security we are pursuing? national security or human security?

It can be argued that human security has no intention to replace national security. The idea of human security puts more emphases on human person, and asks the international community to be more human-centered.



## 2. Human security and human rights

The ideas that human security wishes to pursue have already been included by the ICCPR and the ICESCR. These ideas are not merely wishes but rights that guarantee every individual and impose duties on member states. The fully implementation of the two Covenants is in fact the way to achieve human security.



### 3. Human rights developments in Taiwan since 2000

Firstly, the government wished to set up an independent national human rights commission.

Secondly, it is wished that the International Bill of Rights could be brought home into the land of Taiwan.

A third human rights policy focused on human rights education.

#### 4. A joint cross Formosa strait human rights commission between Taiwan and China

It is hoped that both sides of the Formosa Strait, Taiwan and China, will abide by the “Paris Principles” to establish their human rights commissions in order to thoroughly fulfill human rights protection.

Both sides should try to reach a peace agreement similar to the Good Friday Agreement in order to uphold peace.

## 5. Human rights mechanism in Asia-Pacific

As pledged in its Preamble, one of the purposes of the European Convention on Human Rights is to reaffirm the “profound belief in those fundamental freedoms which are the foundation of justice and peace in the world.”

I do wish that there will be a real human rights mechanism acting as a foundation for peace in Asia-Pacific.

