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H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah IHRC Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, was a Guest/Presenter at the 6th Legislative: 2024 First Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Parliament Plenary of Thursday, 18th July 2024. It was an Interactive Session Organised by the ECOWAS Parliament in Partnership with the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria.

In the presentation tagged, "Human Rights Situation in the West African Region", he emphasized the human rights violations in Africa such as human trafficking, child labor, gender-based violence (GBV), and discrimination at all levels, including the lack of quality education and access to justice, etc.

He noted that international standards recognize access to justice as both a basic human right and a means to protect other universally recognized human rights.

"The International Human Rights Commission has been positively verified over the years by state and local authorities as well as organizations operating supranational as well as locally in over 100 countries around the world".

Adding that the primary goal of the IHRC Group is to promote and implement the legislation, customs, and standards applicable to the full extent of HUMAN RIGHTS and all the resulting principles of local and international coexistence. Respect for these principles applies to everyone, everywhere in the world. And because one of the fundamental human rights is to live in peace, a key task for the IHRC Group is to work with national governments to seek and promote peace.

In his recommendation, he said:

- 1. That building institution-centered justice systems, combating crime and corruption, and defending human rights are crucial to nation-building.
- 2. Promoting the Rule of Law: engaging a highly consultative approach to the delivery of accountable framework, and policy, working with the justice sector and local stakeholders to develop programs that are responsive to African needs and interests should be prioritized by our African leaders.

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