

Dear Sir/Madam,

With this letter, I would like to inform you about the establishment of a new **Business and Human Rights Unit** at the Human Rights Defender's Office of Armenia dealing with the protection of rights in the field of business.

Following the new Constitutional Law on the Human Rights Defender, adopted after the 2015 Constitutional amendments, the Human Rights Defender has been endowed with a new mandate enabling the Defender, *inter alia*, to consider issues on violations of human rights and freedoms by organizations operating in the field of public service. Attaching great importance to the formation of an equal, fair and transparent business environment, the Human Rights Defender of Armenia has established a new Unit on Business and Human Rights.

The aim of the Unit is to contribute to the implementation of business-related human rights across the country through research, monitoring and other activities. It also includes educational activities, with a view to improving respect for human rights and sustainable development principles in business context.

It would be our pleasure to provide you periodic updates and additional information in regard to the activities and achievements of the Unit.

Please accept the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to inform you that in 2017 the Human Rights Defender of Armenia published General Annual Report, Annual Report of the Human Rights Defender as the National Preventive Mechanism, as well as a number of *ad hoc* public reports and legal analyses on the activities and human rights situation in 2016.

I am pleased to present to your attention the list of the published reports and legal analyses with respective web links in the document enclosed.

Best regards,

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