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### INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN AGHVERAN

On September 30- October 1 in Aghveran took place the first sub-regional meeting of NHRIs from Caucasus and Central Asia on “Promoting Minority Rights and Gender Equality Agenda – Role of Independent and Effective National Human Rights Institutions” jointly Organized by Office of Human Rights Defender, Armenia and UNDP Bratislava Regional Center (BRC) in collaboration with UNDP Armenia.

The event brought together NHRIs from this sub-region and respective UNDP colleagues from country offices, regional center and headquarter. Some external experts were invited to deliver presentations and share the latest experiences from other countries of the region. The opening speech presented Human Rights Defender of Armenia Mr. Armen Harutyunyan, UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia Ms. Dafina Gercheva and Ms. Annie Demirjian, Democratic Governance Practice Team Leader, UNDP Bratislava Regional Center.

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