

**Ombudsman: the fight against discrimination is formal. A new law should be applied.**

RoA Ombudsman initiated the development of a draft anti-discrimination law.

At present, in Armenia there is no discrimination law protecting rights of women, elderly people, people with disabilities, minorities, children and other people. To fill the legislative gap the Ombudsman of Armenia initiated the development of a draft law “Against Discrimination”, which will allow all the victims of discrimination to protect their rights and to prosecute the perpetrators. Effective mechanisms will be drafted in order to promote to realization of more efficient fight against discrimination and its prevention.

In order to inform the interested parties on this legislative initiative the Ombudsman Staff representatives today hold a meeting with the representatives of civil society which included representatives of NGOs and communities that deal with protection of the rights of women, minorities, people with disabilities , children, refugee and other issues.

After drafting the initial version of the legislative initiative it will be presented to all the interested parties in order to receive their opinions, suggestions and comments.

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