

Ombudsman's Office Hosted Discussion on Draft Law on Freedom of Conscience and Religion

YEREVAN, 19 September 2012 – Today Ombudsman of Armenia hosted a round-table discussion on the new draft law on Freedom of Conscience and Religion, prepared by the RA Ministry of Justice.

The discussion was aimed at identifying the positions and opinions of different religious organizations, churches, experts and specialists concerning the draft law. “Through a proper legislation we must strike a balance between different religious minorities and the majority in our society,” said Karen Andriasyan, RA Ombudsman.

During the discussion the participants presented their comments and observations on the draft law. As a follow-up to this event, Ombudsman requested the stakeholders to present their discreet comments concerning the draft law on Freedom of Conscience and Religion, which later will be summarized and presented to the RA Ministry of Justice. The participants of the discussion, as well as the Office of the Ombudsman reaffirmed their willingness to cooperate for promotion of religious freedoms and tolerance in Armenia.

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