

Ombudsman's Recommendations on Draft RA Law "On Domestic Violence"

14.11.2012. Today, Ombudsman Karen Andreyan submitted a number of recommendations on draft RA Law "On Domestic violence".

The package of recommendations includes various recommendations on the law reform, in particular, on prescribing a certain procedure of interrogation of juveniles. According to the proposed procedure, juveniles should be interrogated only in the company of his/her legal representative, as well as in the presence of a police officer dealing with juvenile affairs or a psychologist/pedagogue, taking into account the fact that manifestation of domestic violence has heavy and overwhelming influence on children.

Another important suggestion was to add the words "twenty-four-hour" before the word "Hot Line" based on considerations of the complete protection of rights of potential domestic violence victims. It is justified by the international experience according to which "Hot Line" Services created for prevention of the domestic violence, as well as provision of psychological and legal advice work for 24 hours.

It is also proposed that each alarm or complaint is subjected to immediate inspection and/or discussion, and a decision on applying certain preventive means for domestic violence is made as a result.

Moreover, it is also suggested to develop such mechanisms of protection against domestic violence, which will exclude the possible restrictions on the right to education of a domestic violence victim or his/her child.

All the recommendations on the draft law are available on the Ombudsman's official website: www.pashtpan.am.

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