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“ANTI-DISCRIMINATION” LAW IS OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS

RA Human Rights Defender Institution staff has elaborated “Anti Discrimination” draft law, which aims at a number of objectives: defend the job seekers from discriminatory job requirements, which are based not on the individual’s professional skills, but on age, appearance, gender and other very personal and not connected with the work nature features. Such discriminatory job announcements are often met by each of us; however measures for combating against them are not yet inclusive and efficient. We hope that the adoption of this draft will also prevent the attempt of stopping individual’s professional advancement based on his/her political views or marital status, a thing that is often encountered in everyday life, and the right of individual for medical service will not be limited based merely on his/her national background or social status. The aim of the law is to provide disabled persons to obtain education or to fully participate in the social life and to provide a number of other rights which are not being implemented or essentially are limited due to the inaccessibility to educational institutions or public buildings which is a direct expression of discrimination against these persons.

This law provides opportunity for exercising the constitutional principle of all people being equal before law regardless of their gender, race, skin color, ethnic and social origin, genetic features, language, religion, marital and family status, health status, world outlook, political and other views, belonging to national minority, economic conditions, birth, disability, age or other personal or social circumstances.

The initial version of “Anti-Discrimination” draft law is already posted in the official website of the Defender, which is put into circulation for receiving suggestions and opinion from different social groups, communities, civil society representatives and all the other interested parties. The Defender’s Staff highly appreciates all the interested parties’ suggestions and observations, which will be submitted to the Office of Human Rights in written or electronic forms and which will be lately attached to this draft law. The complete draft, as well as all the controversial issues in regards to it will be discussed during public hearings. At the same time, this law draft will be sent to the Council of Europe's Venice Commission for obtaining expert opinion.

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