

The Ombudsman and OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission Representatives Discussed the Upcoming Presidential Elections

On January 23, 2013 the Armenian Human Rights Defender Karen Andreasyan received Heidi Tagliavini, the head of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) Election Observation Mission head and Elissavet Karagiannidou, the legal analyst of the same mission. Both the drawbacks of the past parliamentary elections as well as the coming presidential elections and activities related to it were discussed during the meeting.

OSCE/ODIHR mission representatives emphasized the involvement of the Defender in the electoral processes, as well as expressed interest in the Defender's report on the parliamentary elections. The Mission representatives raised a number of issues among which were the low number of local and international observers, the involvement of the Defender in the Working Group of the elections and a number of other issues.

The head of mission Heidi Tagliavini expressed hope for further and long term cooperation with the Defender's Institution, one more time highlighting that the OSCE/ODIHR Election observation mission emphasizes the activities of the Defender.

In his turn, Human Rights Defender expressed willingness to support any initiative related to the discussed issues.

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