

# HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMENIA

*UPR Info Pre-sessions*

# Situation in Armenia – Issue 1

## Protection of the vulnerable groups

- Recommendation to adopt stand-alone and comprehensive antidiscrimination legislation (Norway, Canada, Netherlands made recommendations) is not implemented
- Draft Law on Ensuring Legal Equality is published
- There is a need to have comprehensive and effective legislation

# Recommendations – Issue 1



- Adopt comprehensive equality legislation which provides strong reparation mechanisms
- Establish an independent equality body with large mandate and institutional guarantees to secure its enforcement.

# Situation in Armenia – Issue 2

## Women's Rights

- Recommendations to adopt domestic violence legislation and criminalize domestic violence made by USA and Norway made are partially implemented
- In 2017 domestic violence legislation was adopted
- There is a need to Qualify domestic violence as a specific crime or as an aggravating circumstance to other crimes and effective investigation of GBV cases

# Recommendations – Issue 2

- In its criminal legislation specify domestic violence as an aggravated offence,
- establish special procedures for investigation of domestic violence and sexual violence cases.

# Issue 3

## People with Disabilities

- Previous recommendations to ratify Optional Protocol to CRPD and adopt specific legislation in accordance with the requirements of CRPD made by Republic of Korea and Austria are not implemented yet
- New Government Indicated political will to start the ratification process in 2020
- Mechanisms for partial deprivation of legal capacity are absent

# Recommendations – Issue 3

- a. On the legislative level to abolish the institute of full legal incapability and introduce alternative mechanisms for partial deprivation of legal capacity.
- b. to ratify Optional Protocol to CRPD.

# Thank you

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From all the members of our coalition:

- Non-Discrimination and Equality Coalition
- Pink Armenia NGO
- Women's Resource Center NGO
- Helsinki Citizens Assembly Vanadzor NGO
- Society Without Violence NGO
- New Generation NGO
- Armenian Helsinki Committee NGO