



**ARMENIAN CONSTITUTIONAL  
RIGHT-PROTECTIVE CENTRE**

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**Our Vision is: A WORLD LIVING WITH PRINCIPLES OF LOVE AND TOLERANCE  
WHERE LAW AND JUSTICE GIVEN ABOVE REIGN**

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## 1. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

The "Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre" (ACRPC) NGO was founded in 1988 with the name of "Constitutional Groups Association", the goal of which was to form democratic classes through a democratic constitution and human rights protection. The organization was registered in 1995 and re-registered in 2004 in the Ministry of Justice as a non-profit, non-political independent organization ruled by the Constitution and the Legislation of Armenia and the ACRPC Charter, as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international standards and principles of Human Rights.

It is worth mentioning that in 2005 the ACRPC had successful results in implementing its "Strategic Plan for Developing Legal Culture in Armenia for 2003-2006" in all its four directions.

The 2005 was a year of partnership and co-operation with the community, state and local self-governing bodies, as well as with a number of local and international non-governmental organizations, which considerably contributed to the successful advancements of our initiations.

The ACRPC activities were mainly supported by the Interchurch Organization for Development Co-operation (ICCO) of the Netherlands, the UNDP Armenia, the US and British Embassies in Armenia, the Council of Europe and the Oxfam GB Armenia.

The ACRPC staff made every effort in the implementation of the objectives put forward. All of us were aimed and willing to reach the vision and mission of the organization, which we believe to succeed eventually by the establishment of the Rule of Law and the democratic ideas in the society we live and work in.

## 2. THE UN-RELATED ACTIVITIES OF ACRPC IN 2005: DESCRIPTION IN BRIEF

The UN-related activities were implemented within the main activities of the ACRPC, which are presented below:

### A. ARMENIAN HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL (AHRS)

In 2005 the AHRS organized its activities through the following main directions:

- AHRS courses for secondary school teachers of Legal Subjects ("Human Rights", "Civic Education", and "State and Law");
- Experience exchange conference of Legal Subjects specialists; and
- Seminars for community leaders of Lori Region of Armenia.

#### A.a. AHRS Courses

In January 8-28 and in June 20-July 7, 2005, the in-tern intensive sessions of the Tenth and Eleventh Advanced Courses were organized, to which 136 teachers from all the regions of the republic participated.

Due to the application of innovative methods of the Teaching Organization Collaborative Methodology it was the first time the AHRS had joined learners of two various courses into one.

Fifteen trainers facilitated the implementation of the sessions (two specialists of "Human Rights", three methodology experts, nine specialists of legal Subjects and an expert of "State and Law").



Within the main themes of the AHRS Programme the learners got in-dept knowledge on the UN structure, objectives, human rights protection bodies and mechanisms and the UN-adopted human

rights international documents, which gave the opportunity to the teachers of the field be more prepared and therefore provide their students thorough information on the topics.

The learners were provided with related thematic literature, display-posters and reference-books donated by the UN Department of Public Information (UN DPI), the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other UN Armenian Agencies, and the ACRPC Human Rights Library book fund as well. A part of the UN-related publications was donated to libraries and Human Rights rooms/corners of the secondary schools of Armenia.

### **A.b. Experience Exchange Conference of LS Specialists**



In June 27-28, 2005, the Experience Exchange Conference of LS Specialists was organized which was attended by 63 people from various regions of the Republic: LS teachers, specialists, representatives of NGOs and the mass media. During the Conference 14 reports were presented on three basic topics, which also addressed the teachers' feedback and experiences on educating their students to UN-related topics.

The Conference results were published in a special collection of *"Contemporary Issues of Human Rights Education"*.

### **A.c. Seminars for Lori Region's Community Leaders**

In November-December three two-day seminars were organized on *"Principles of Law and Legislation"*.

The seminars were attended by 69 leaders (village governors, council members, representatives of church, educational establishments, NGOs, the private sector, the mass media, as well as volunteers and students) of 16 communities of Gugark (November 12-13), Spitak (November 19-20) and Stepanavan (December 17-18) regions. Besides the topics on the national legislation, the attendees were provided with information on international legal documents, and particularly those adopted by the UN.



During the activities two live TV programs were broadcast in participation with community leaders: in Stepanavan (December 17), via "Fortuna" and in Vanadzor (December 19), via "Lori-TV" Stations.

## **B. HUMAN RIGHTS LIBRARY NETWORK (HRLN)**



The HRLN presents its more than 4500 regular readers with publications and updated information on the UN in the separated sections in the libraries. In the reporting period the sections were enriched with about 1000 titles of new literature related to the UN in general.

These materials, as well as periodicals press and video and audio catalogues were received from UN DPI Armenian Office and various UN Agencies as well based in Yerevan and Geneva, and the Armenian UN Association.

## C. PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

Since 1989 the scientific-methodological review *For the Sake of Justice* has been published. The main language of the review is Armenian, and all the articles have related English and Russian summaries.

Since January 2003, started from Issue 33, the special page of the review has been disposed to the UN Agencies and since it has periodically presents information related to their activities in Armenia and throughout the world.

Within the reporting period five issues 51-52 joint, 53, 54, and 55 of the review were published in 200 copies print run and were distributed to the educational establishments, libraries, local and international organizations.



Within the framework of the project of the UNDP Armenia “*Support to Civil Society Anticorruption Initiative Groups*” the first issue of *Legal Culture* periodical newspaper was released on December 24, 2005, in 2000 copies print run.

## D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

The ACRPC greatly values partnership and co-operation as effective means for achieving the organization's goals. Accordingly, in 2005 as well we continued our efforts to expand and strengthen relations with local and international organizations and within this also with various UN Armenian Agencies, state structures, local self-governing bodies and educational establishments, the mass media and the community in general. At present the ACRPC is a member to several local and international networks and coalitions. In March the ACRPC representative was elected as a member of the Coordinating Council of the CRINGO Network. Since August the organization has been in membership with the Civil Society Partnership Network (CSPN), which is coordinated by the Oxfam GB Armenia ([www.cso-network.am](http://www.cso-network.am)).

Some of the projects and activities implemented within the reporting period are presented below.

- On December 10, 2005, on *the Human Rights Day* and *the GCAP Third Mobilization Day*, in conjunction with the Oxfam GB Armenia, round tables were organized in the ACRPC HR libraries in six regions of the Republic, in participation with representatives of local and international organizations, local self-governing bodies, educational establishments, the mass media, students and others. Live programs were broadcast via regional TV Stations “MIG” of Vanadzor town and “Hrazdan” of Hrazdan town, in participation with ACRPC HR specialists.



- In June-December, the ACRPC was granted to implement the UNDP Armenia project “*Support to Anti-corruption Initiatives of the Civil Society*” in Lori Region of Armenia. The project was carried out in collaboration with the RA Government and the OSCE Armenia Office.

Within the project eight schools of Vanadzor town were monitored through visits by the nine members of the Vanadzor Anti-corruption Monitoring Group. Via a TV program the project activities were elucidated.

The association with UNDPI and devotion to its commitments induces the ACRPC to feel more responsible in fulfilling the activities in harmony with the UN goals and objectives and aims at making collaboration with the UNDPI broader and active from year to year.

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