

REPORT ON
**Trainings on “Promoting Compliance of the European
Convention of Human Rights in Armenia”**
For the Period
Of June 29, 2002 to November 30, 2002

Background information:

This Training on “Promoting Compliance of the European Convention of Human Rights in Armenia” was implemented as a result of realization of the “Training of Trainers” (ToT) Project on “*Promoting compliance of European Convention on Human Rights in Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan*” initiated and implemented by the British East-West Centre (hereinafter referred to as “BEWC”) from 2002 to 2004. During the ToT two Key Trainers from Armenia, Narine Gasparyan and Arayik Ghazaryan were trained by the experts of the British east West Centre in spring 2002. From June to December 2002 the Key Trainers conducted two in country long term Trainings/Seminars for young lawyers, advocates and law students within the frame of the Project on “Training of Trainers in the Republic of Armenia”. The present report underlines the methodology, scope as well as the terms and the conditions of the implementation of the series of Seminars for lawyers on the European Convention on Human Rights (hereinafter referred to as “ECHR”) that was commenced on June 29, 2002 and held till June till August 30, 2002.

Dates and the topics of the series of seminars:

<i>Date of the Seminars</i>	<i>the Topics of the Seminars</i>
29 June 2002	Introduction, ECHR jurisdiction & Article 2
5 July 2002	Article 3 (Prohibition of torture)
12 July 2002	Article 5 (Right to liberty and security)
19 July 2002	Article 6(1) (2) (Right to a fair trial)
26 July 2002	Article 6(3) (Right to a fair trial)

2 August 2002	Article 8 (Right to respect for private and family life)
9 August 2002	Article 10 (Freedom of expression)
16 August 2002	Admissibility issues
31 October 2002	Article 10 (defamation)
15 November 2002	Article 9 (Freedom of thought, conscience and religion)
9 December 2002	Article 1 of Protocol No: 1 to ECHR (Protection of Property)

Trainees:

The following persons attended the series of Seminars and after the Seminars were awarded with the title of “support trainers”:

1. Sahakyan Alik – Advocate to the Union of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia,
2. Aghajanyan Eduard – Advocate to the International Bar Union,
3. Babken Sahradyan - Member of Armenian Young Lawyers Association, Advocate to the Union of advocates of the Republic of Armenia,
4. Sargis Knyazyan - Representative from Gyumry town, student,
5. Aproyan Arsen – Lawyer, Lecturer at State University of Gavar,
6. Artak Khachatryan- Member of the Law Club of the American University of Armenia,
7. Atabekyan Robert - Member of Armenian Young Lawyers Association,
8. Baghdasaryan Levon – Member of the International Union of Armenian Advocates.

Observers:

The following persons attended the series of Seminars as observers:

1. Shacke Manukyan – Comparative Law Center
2. Eduard Melkonyan – Comparative Law Center
3. Lusine Bakumyan – International Bar Union

Methodology:

Each session lasted 3 hours with three 10-minute break time. The first part of the Seminar was used to present the substantive issues by Narine Gasparyan and Ara Ghazaryan. The second part of the session was used for mock trial exercises and case studies.

The wide use of case law European Court of Human Rights (hereinafter referred to as “ECtHR” or the “European Court”) and comparative analysis of the norms of ECHR and the relevant domestic legislation was one of the main focuses of the series of Seminars. Short scenarios from ECHR judgments make the presentation of substantive issues “live” and more effective. During each session 5 to 10 case briefs were used for trainees.

The second part of each Seminar i.e. the mock trial and other types of interactive methods used was conducted by the same method as during the ToT held in London. The only exception was that on two occasions the trainees preferred to use the Armenian language cases translated by the local organizations. The trainees used to divide into three groups for each case discussion. The groups would then rotate for each next case discussion.

In addition to mentioned materials trainers developed additional materials on each article on ECHR to be studied. The training materials involved short outlines (thesis) of discussed issues with indication on relevant case law and the dynamic of human rights developments within the system of the Council of Europe.

Trainers also provided short computer training to participants of the series of Seminars on searching case laws from the web page of the Council of Europe and other websites containing case summaries and translations of the judgments of the European Court.

Reading materials:

The below mentioned materials were used and delivered to the trainees during the series of Seminars:

- ü The basic manual provided by BEWC. The trainers made additional 12 copies for all participants.
- ü English language ECtHR judgments.
- ü 5 to 10 cases briefs for each session. The briefs were used along with

