

International Cooperation

The work of the NPM also requires continued active cooperation with national preventive mechanisms of different countries, national human rights institutions, international institutions and organizations and other partners in the field.

Thus, the Defender constantly cooperates with the UN Sub-Committee on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as well as with other relevant international organizations, including through the exchange of information and meetings.

The Human Rights Defender, as the NPM, prepares and submits reports to international organizations on the state of prevention of torture and other ill-treatment at the national level (for example, the Defender's submission to the UN Committee against Torture 59th session on the Fourth Periodic Report of Armenia on compliance with the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment is available at the following

link:https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCAT%2fNHS%2fARM%2f25924&Lang=en):

The RA Human Rights Defender also emphasizes the importance of international cooperation in the field of human rights protection, as well as in the elimination of torture and other forms of ill-treatment to implement international standards at the national law and practice.

In this respect, the role of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights is invaluable.

Considered as an independent body "Friend of the Court", the RA Defender requested a leave to intervene as a third party in the Hakobyan v. Armenia case pending before the European Court of Human Rights, which was granted in July 2018. This is the best example of an exceptional initiative by the National Human Rights Institute.

Participating in the case at the European Court of Human Rights has enabled the Defender to provide the Court with information on particular cases, as well as on systemic issues resulting from the exercise of the powers.

Another example of cooperation for the execution of ECtHR judgment is Rule 9 (2) of the CoE's Committee of Ministers for the supervision of the execution of judgments and the terms of friendly settlements. According to this rule, the Committee of Ministers shall consider any communication on the promotion and protection of human rights from national institutions about the execution of judgments.

In light of the aforementioned, for the first time in 2018, for the first time during the activity of the Human Rights Defender's institution, the Defender submitted a special communication to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe with regard to the execution of the judgment of the ECtHR *Muradyan v. Armenia*.