



Armenia

Stakeholder Report for the United Nations Universal Periodic Review

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Founded in 1983, **The Advocates for Human Rights** (“The Advocates”) is a volunteer-based non-governmental organization committed to the impartial promotion and protection of international human rights standards and the rule of law. The Advocates conducts a range of programs to promote human rights in the United States and around the world, including monitoring and fact finding, direct legal representation, education and training, and publication. The Advocates has previously published multiple reports on violence against women as human rights issue, provides consultation and commentary on draft laws on domestic violence, and trains lawyers, police, prosecutors, and judges to effectively implement new and existing laws on domestic violence.

Founded in 2018, **The Human Rights Research Center** (“HRRC”) is a non-governmental advocacy and research oriented organization, that carries out cross-sectoral analysis of various human rights issues in Armenia this way acting as a source of knowledge and tool for human rights activists, academia, researchers, public institutions, local and international human rights organizations. HRRC carries out research and evidence-based advocacy projects, aimed at discourse change, policy development and public awareness-raising. Issues of violence and discrimination are in the core focus of HRRC’s activities. HRRC is a part of several domestic platforms that bring together different governmental and non-governmental stakeholders for the purpose of joint advocacy for the protection of women’s rights and tackling gender-based violence and discrimination.

The Women’s Resource Center Armenia (“WRCA”) was founded in 2003. WRCA is working in the area of women’s human right, women’s social and political empowerment, reproductive and sexual rights, sexual violence and women’s role in the conflict resolution and peace building. WRCA’s main goal is to give women the necessary tools and empower them to become active citizens of the Armenian community, through education and support. WRCA is a member of several local and international networks and coalitions. Since 2003 the organization submitted shadow reports and stakeholders report to different UN treaty bodies.