



PRESS RELEASE

UN Agencies and projects are organizing a Press Conference on the occasion of the International Human Rights Day in Armenia and a Concluding Conference of “16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence” campaign in Armenia



Yerevan 10.12.2008. Today, a Press Conference devoted to the ***International Human Rights Day*** and a ***Concluding Conference of “16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence”*** were held at the Congress Hotel.

The ***Concluding Conference of “16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence”*** summarized participation of Armenia in “16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence” 2008 global campaign.

The event opened with the press conference of **Ms. Consuelo Vidal**, UN Resident Coordinator in Armenia, and **Mr. Armen Harutyunyan**, RA Human Rights Defender.

Further on, Conference continued in the format of panel discussions reflecting on the **Violations of Women Human Rights from Domestic Violence, Trafficking, Political and Civil as well as Economic perspectives.**

The Press Conference and a Concluding Conference became the major round up of events organized within the framework of the ***“16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence” 2008 campaign*** in Armenia - a joint initiative of UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP, UNFPA, IOM, UNDP and UNAIDS, supported by RoA Government, Armenian Civil Society, other international and foreign organizations and mass media.

The campaign included implementation of various activities, such as press conferences, public hearings, PSA airings, film screenings, meetings and seminars with NGOs, CBOs, students and local government representatives, conducted in Yerevan and marzes.

The activities focused on cultural and national aspects of violence against women, including domestic violence, trafficking and HIV/AIDS twin pandemics.

The final outcome of the Concluding Conference became a Joint Declaration against Gender Violence which has been elaborated and signed by the participants of the Concluding Conference.

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