

## DISCUSSION ON “THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS FOR THE SAKE OF A STRONGER FAMILY”



On May 20, 2010 the Institute for War and Peace Reporting Armenia Branch organized a roundtable discussion on “The Protection of Women’s Rights for the Sake of a Stronger Family” in ecological museum of the National park of the city of Sevan (building of the Palace of Culture).

Jina Sargizova, National Project Coordinator of UNFPA “Combating Gender-Based Violence in the South Caucasus” project, made a presentation on “Gender Stereotypes and Family Perception in

Armenia” and Anush Poghosyan, the consultant of the Women’s Resource Centre, reported on “The Establishments that Create Obstacles to Protecting Women’s Rights in Armenia”.

During the event a documentary “Zone of Silence” (2009) was screened. The film is about the desperate and problematic life of a woman, who lives in Armenian village.

By the end of the roundtable, a discussion on the protection of women’s rights, violence against women, concept of the traditional family, the role and stereotypes of women and other issues was held. The representatives of the Gegharqunik region’s media, local governments, NGOs, political parties, as well as students and lecturers of Sevan universities took part in the discussion.

This discussion was preceded by the special publication of IWPR’s “Caucasus Reporting Service” concerning Women’s Rights in Caucasus. The articles of the abovementioned publication are available on the following links:

<http://iwpr.net/report-news/crs-issue-537>

<http://iwpr.net/report-news/domestic-violence-finally-debated-armenia>