



Report on New Tactics in Human Rights micro-grant project

Presentation of the results of New Tactics in Human Rights International Symposium to human rights organizations in Armenia



On March 31, 2005 a round table was held in Yerevan, in the Business Center of the American University of Armenia. During the round table, the coordinator of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor presented the materials on the New Tactics in Human Rights International Symposium that took place on September 29-October 2, 2004 in Ankara, Turkey. The participants discussed the possibilities of using new tactics in the protection of human rights. The round table was organized by Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor within the framework of the New Tactics in Human Rights micro-grant project. We invited 17 human rights organizations from Yerevan and regions, and 13 of them confirmed their participation. But only 8 representatives were present at the seminar.

In the first part of the seminar the coordinator of HCA Vanadzor Arthur Sakunts gave presentation on New Tactics project and the results of the International Symposium organized within that project, as well as some materials from the workbook and the Symposium report translated from English into Armenian. The translated materials included the following: the symposium report, "Incentive Tactics", "Collaboration", "Developing Creative Tactics and Strategies", "Sharing Critical Thinking".



The participants were interested in the spheres where the tactics presented during the Symposium are used, especially in the direction of protecting the rights of the representatives of national and religious minorities, the population of not recognized territories.

In the second part of the round table the possibilities of using new tactics in the republic and its results have been discussed. The cooperation of right protective organizations both in the republic and in the South Caucasus region in the direction of human rights protection has been focused on. The possible ways of cooperation between Azeri and Armenian human rights organizations and their importance in human rights protection in the societies involved in the conflict have been emphasized.



The participants also discussed the problems of the Institute of Ombudsman, the necessity of increasing its effectiveness in the protection of human rights in Armenia.

The representatives of the Institute of Ombudsman expressed their willingness to cooperate with right protective organization in the solution of human rights problems.



The participants said that the work out of a strategy was important from the viewpoint of using the presented human rights tactics. It will provide human rights organizations with consistent and effective work in the protection of human rights.

During the round table the participants have been presented with other resources of New Tactics in Human Rights International Symposium. It was decided to locate the translated materials on the web-site www.hra.am.

In case of necessity, such informative seminars will be organized in the future. The materials are also located on the web-site www.hcav.am.

Those organizations, which did not have the chance to participate in the seminar, received the translations via e-mail.