



Sholeh ZAMINI

Suedwind comments Armenia because of Armenia's' accepting most of the recommendations which were formulated during the interaction dialogue, including ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court changes, adoption of the draft law on "Ensuring Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities for Men and Women", ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and adoption of the third national plan combating Trafficking in Human beings.

We would still like to urge Armenia to pay more attention to violence against women. In a country with a traditionally patriarchal society and a high rate of violence against women, although training Police forces about violence against women is a necessity, this is not enough. Lack of legislation on violence against women, not investing on women shelters, in combination with lack of enough information about the meaning and different forms of abuse both by women and men, could have hazardous results on physical and mental health of women. Therefore, we urge Armenia to accelerate the process aimed at creating the National Law on Violence Against Women and show the will to change this mentality. Suedwind believes that this important issue needs a national plan of action.