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Protecting the rights of children in the criminal justice system and closed institutions

September 18

Hotel Hyatt

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| 10:00 | Media |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Registration
Welcome coffee |
| 11:00 | Welcome speech
Mrs. Charlotte Adriaen, Head of Cooperation of the Delegation of the European Union to the KR

Dr. Stefanos Kareklas, Head of “The Rule of Law Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic – 2nd Phase (ROLPRO 2)”

Mr. Nurlan Dushembiev, Deputy General Prosecutor of the Kyrgyz Republic |
| I. UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty – moderator <i>Dmitry Nurumov</i> ,
Key expert at “The Rule of Law Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic – phase 2” | |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Manfred Nowak, Independent Expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Q and A |
| 13:00 -14:00 | Lunch |
| II. Children as crime victims and witnesses - moderator <i>Nazgul Turdubekova</i> , Director of the Children's Rights Defenders League | |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | Helmut Sax, Key researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (BIM) |
| 15:15 - 15:45 | Q and A |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:00- 16:10 | Aslan Atabiev, Head of Department |



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on anti-corruption and law enforcement in social sphere and protection of the rights of children, General Prosecutor's Office of the Kyrgyz Republic

16:10– 16:20 Ministry Of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic

16:20 – 16:40 The practice of protecting children victims and witnesses of violence in the Kyrgyz Republic –

Nazgul Turdubekova, Director of the Public Foundation «Child's Rights Defenders League»

Cholpon Kudaiberdieva, Attorney at Law of the Public Foundation «Child's Rights Defenders League»

16:40 – 17:00 Q and A

Summing up the session

III. Protection of children's rights in closed institutions - moderator is Nazgul Turdubekova, Director of the Children's Rights Defenders League

17:00 – 17:10 Umida Rashidovna Abylgazieva, Expert of the Department for the Protection of the Rights of Children, Women and the Family of the Ombudsman's Office of the Kyrgyz Republic, Co-Rapporteur - Ravshan Nabidzhanov, PF «Child's Rights Defenders League»

17:20 – 17:30 Zhanybek Muratov and Zhumagul Kadyrbekova, Special Education Directorate, State Penitentiary Service of the Kyrgyz Republic «Draft model of a resocialization Center for minors sentenced to deprivation of liberty»

17:30 – 17:45 Gulbarchyn Ormonbekova, Acting Head of the Preventive Visits Department of the National Torture Prevention Centre of the Kyrgyz Republic

17:45-18:30 Q and A

Discussions

Summing up

18:30 Reception



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Concept Note

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The Round table is organized by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in cooperation with the General Prosecutor's Office and the PF "Child's Rights Defenders League" in the framework of implementation of the Rule of Law Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic – phase 2.

Background

Kyrgyzstan has progressively prioritized issues of children's rights and child protection over the course of the recent two decades. Following its accession to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (hereinafter referred to as "CRC") on October 7, 1994, Kyrgyzstan embarked on the incorporating CRC and other relevant international norms in domestic legislation.

In 2006, the nation adopted a specialized Children's Code, intended to regulate "legal relations pertaining to the exercise of rights and lawful interests of children present in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as child nationals of the Kyrgyz Republic outside the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, including the protection of the rights of children in especially difficult circumstances."

The new Criminal Procedure Code, which entered into force in 2019 made criminal proceedings, involving juvenile offenders more rehabilitation-focused. The code contains requirement for competent officials to develop rehabilitation plans from the moment proceedings are instituted and to participate in the proceedings at all stages in guardian *ad litem* capacity. However, detention and incarceration of minors remains quite widespread in the criminal justice system and outside criminal justice system, in so-called "closed institutions" in various groups.

The importance of protecting child victim and witnesses' rights is in principle also recognized; however, there is a lack of an understanding of what victim and witness rights and needs are.

Objectives

The Rule of Law Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic – phase 2 aims at providing a platform for discussing the Juvenile justice system in the Kyrgyz Republic, focusing on the children as victims and witnesses of crimes, as well as putting forward recommendations for enhancement of the Justice for children and more broadly situation of children "in closed institutions" in a holistic way using



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international standards and best practices, *inter alia*, following the preliminary highlights from the UN Global Study on Children Deprivation of Liberty.

Keynote Speakers

Professor Manfred Nowak - Professor of Human Rights and Head of the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights at Vienna University, founder and co-director of BIM until April 2019, Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights in Venice, Independent Expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty and former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture.

Dr. Helmut Sax – Key researcher on Children Rights, Women’s Rights and Human Trafficking at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (BIM); for the Council of Europe (Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA))