



**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION  
FROM KOSOVA EDUCATION CENTER  
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Three important issues treated in the round table that dealt with human rights respectively children rights were:

1. A report on written press for human and children rights in Kosova for year 2004
2. An analysis of the children rights that do not comply with the law - causes and consequences
3. Why establishing a National Strategy for children of Kosova.

In the round table different experts for human rights were present, such as: Representatives of the Human and Basic Freedom Council; Corrective House for Children in Lipjan, Representatives of electronic and written medias; Representatives of Social Centers; Representative of Provisional Institutions of Kosova (Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Work and Social Issues); Trocaire representative, Mr. Frank Gynor; Representatives of Kosova Police Service, and Representatives of non-governmental organizations in Kosova.

After introduction speech and discussions made, we came to a conclusion that with all the improvements in the human and children rights in Kosova from year 1999, the condition of the children and human rights in Kosova is still far from the real needs of the Kosova citizens, standards and international rights.

This is an incompatible situation with standards and international rights and real needs of Kosova citizens to live in an lawful country, where democratic laws are active by which is citizens freedom is secured and guaranteed, equality in law and in practical life, where functional instruments and mechanism exist for protection and social support, for free movement, for securing a health environment for economic, cultural, education sustainable development, and is dependable from a number of objective and subjective factors.

Among objective factors we chose: unfavorable inherited condition from the past, war consequences with all its influences in mental health, economic, educational, and health conditions, poverty, unemployment, undefined political status of Kosova.

In this unfavorable situation there are a number of the subjective factors: insufficient commitment of the media; insufficient cooperation of the governmental and non-governmental bodies, organized crime, connection of the governing segments with organized crime, non- quality of the educational work in education system; position and unfavorable status of the education system.

Unanimous opinion of the participants in the table was that even in today's conditions and circumstances, advancement can be made if three main things are offered:

- a. Written and electronic press are engaged more and in a creative way promote and empower human rights.
- b. If a number of measures are taken for prevention, re-socialization, re-integration of the children involved in under-aged delinquency.

c. If an all-inclusive national strategy is applicable for Kosova children, participants in the table approved some recommendations.

#### A. RECOMENDATIONS REGARDING MEDIA'S

- ✚ Number of the articles that deal with human and children rights in newspapers, whereas electronic Medias should increases the programs on human and children rights.
- ✚ Schools and faculties should have a subject on: Human and Children Rights
- ✚ Systematic training should be organized for journalists on human and children rights. Within year 2006, 5 one day training will be organized on Human and Children Rights. This training to be organized by OSCE.
- ✚ Newspapers editors should draft strategic policies that deal with human and children rights. Every newspaper, radio, or TV house should show at least once a month a discussion or a public debate on children and human rights conditions in Kosova.
- ✚ Creative, research and proactive approaches should be simulated in journalism. Editor policies, research papers and proactive approach should be simulated more than papers with only information.
- ✚ Every written and electronic media should assign a journalist that will be responsible for children and human rights.
- ✚ Specific training will be organized for research journalism in cooperation with OSCE
- ✚ Full freedom of the journalists should be guaranteed and secured with laws and prevention measures.
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#### B. RECOMENDATIONS FOR PREVENTION OF UNDER-AGED DELICUENCY

Under-aged delinquency is one of the biggest problems of Kosova society. Statistics tell us that this phenomenon is increasing continuously. There are different reasons. Under-aged delinquency is a consequence of the non-functioning relations between children, families, environment, and schools. In under-aged delinquency a great factor is the functionality of the education system.

In order to prevent the under-aged delinquency this measures should be taken:

- ✚ Children rights in schools should be respected
- ✚ Every school should have exact statistics on children with difficulty in learning, asocial behavior, children that show aggressive signs, lack of learning interest, do not attend school in regular basis, skip classes, that are hyper or hypo active, that have attention deficit disorder (ADD), that have a school phobia, stutter, show stress signs and anxiety, do not have hygienic habits, do not do homework, orphans and children from divorced parents.
- ✚ These children should be categorized based on the paradigm and models that will be prepared from the Education Ministry, Social Centers and Ministry of Health.
- ✚ School for the children with special needs should establish specific programs of education, help and support

- ✚ School should return their school educators and advisee services should be empowered by installing social services, psychological, logopedic and mental hygiene.
- ✚ Partners program should be established between schools and communities, with families and other specialized services
- ✚ Specific programs of cooperation between schools with KPS, social work centers and NGO-s
- ✚ A easiness for children rights counselors
- ✚ School parliaments should be formed, committees for protection of the children rights
- ✚ Schools should form individual evidence for working children that is against the Children Rights Convention
- ✚ Schools should have a “ Box for children rights”
- ✚ Kosova Assembly should ratify World Declaration on Survival, Protection and Development of the Children (should be translated in Turkish, in Albanian and Serbian is translated by KEC)
- ✚ Approved by the Kosova Government: Action Plan for implementation of the Declaration on Survival; Protection and Development of the children (A model plan is published in the book: (Children Rights<sup>1</sup>)
- ✚ Review at the juridical infrastructures that have to do with children from conflicts with law with an aim to their further humanization.
- ✚ Ministry of Education and Ministry of Work and Social Issues should establish educational and skills programs for children in corrective houses. Diplomas, licenses and transcripts should be accepted.
- ✚ Cooperation programs should established for the inter-ministerial units of Corrective House
- ✚ Before leaving the Corrective House every child should have a specific program for reacceptance in the society, re-integration in normal life and support to be an active member of the society.

### C. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DRAFTING THE NATIONAL STRATEGY OF THE KOSOVA CHILDREN

Drafting of the National Strategy for Children Rights is a necessity for achievement of the international standards. Strategy is a necessary element of the international measurement package on children rights situation. Strategy should be drafted in the period of 2007 – 2017. This should be in compliance with principle of (12) European Union. Should be all inclusive (in its drafting all relevant factors should participate (governing bodies, legislation bodies, executive, ministries, NGO-s, and international experts.

Strategy would impact in creation of the: FRIENDLY SOCIETY for all Kosova children.

For drafting the strategy we recommend:

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<sup>1</sup> Kosova Education Center (2004) Children Rights. Manual for children and human rights, p.203 -208

- ✚ National committee to be formed for drafting the strategy which consist of all Kosova society representatives<sup>2</sup>
- ✚ Drafting of the monitoring and evaluation of the children rights situation
- ✚ An expertise on human situation (until January 31, 2006)
- ✚ Draft of the first version of the strategy
- ✚ An international conference is prepared: National children strategy in Kosova (until July 30, 2006)
- ✚ An international conference is held on: Development and promotion of the children rights in Kosova 2007 -2017
- ✚ Approval of the Strategy in Kosova Assembly (October 2006)
- ✚ Drafting of the action plans – until December 31, 2005

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<sup>2</sup> See; Draft for establishing the National Strategy [WWW.Childrights.ks.net](http://WWW.Childrights.ks.net)