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Comments on the 6th Periodic Report of Greece to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

The NCHR noted that the description of the actual situation in Greece is not accurate, regarding issues such as sexual harassment and parental leave. Reference on the issues of prostitution, trafficking, as well as the detention conditions of aliens under deportation, should be more extensive and further analysed.

The NCHR also focused its comments on the following topics: sexual exploitation of children, trafficking in women, and electronic means which facilitate it. It expressed its objection to the creation of new equality mechanisms, holding the view that the existing ones are sufficient, provided that; they be appropriately staffed and have their activities sufficiently coordinated.

The NCHR reiterated its decision regarding marriage of minors and marriage of minors by proxy, within the Muslim minority of Thrace.

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