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**GREEK NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

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| <p><b>Observations/Recommendations for the Protection of the<br/>Rights of Mentally Ill Persons Hospitalised in Three Hotels in<br/>the Centre of Athens</b></p> |
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Following complaints submitted to the NCHR by associations for the protection of rights of mentally ill persons, an *ad hoc* sub-committee of the NCHR was formed and given the mandate to examine the issue on the basis on an *in situ* visit to the hotels in question, where a number of patients of the Dafni Psychiatric Hospital are relocated since the 1999 earthquake. The Plenary decided that the observations' document serves as a basis for a further elaboration by the NCHR of a series of concrete proposals on the psychiatric reform in Greece, as well as on the issue of the rights of mentally ill persons subject to criminal security measures (the NCHR has previously deliberated on the above mentioned topic, see *supra*, Resolution of 19/6/2003) in collaboration with other relevant entities, such as the Greek Ombudsman, the Psychiatric Society of Greece and other NGOs active in the field of the protection of rights of this particularly vulnerable group of persons.

It is worth noting that the NCHR is among the entities invited to participate to a series of working sessions convened by the Ministry of Health on the issue of the enforcement of criminal security measures on mentally ill persons (the process is ongoing, and following the first session –January 2005-, the NCHR has already formulated and, subsequently submitted, a series of observations to the Ministry of Health).

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