

As a response to the questions raised by delegations of -----

I will mention again that Police of Armenia always register each case concerning torture and takes all necessary measures to exclude it.

In order to eliminate future possible actions of torture, inhuman or other degrading behavior towards the detained persons in police there have been installed video cameras in most of regional and Yerevan police stations.

During last year many improvements were carried out in all Police Detention facilities, particularly the buildings were refurbished, the quality of food and providing first medical assistance was increased. HotLine numbers of Human Rights Defender, Independent monitoring group and Police central apparatus are available. Video surveillance system has been installed in all police detention facilities.

The skills and knowledge of Police officers in this sphere are developing. A guidebook- questionnaires' was published which explains in detail the work carried out in Police detention facilities.

Within last few years no allegations of ill-treatment or other complaints were received as regards to custodial staff working in police detention facilities.

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLIE

The police has always exercised its functions in favor of full realization of the right of peaceful assembly at the same time aimed at ensuring the public safety, public order maintenance, preventing crimes and protecting the public health, constitutional rights and freedoms of others

During the previous assemblies which took place in Armenia Police activities were generally legitimate, adequate and aimed to restore and ensure the public order maintenance without violating the rights of other people. The force which had used in some cases of necessity was in the strict compliance with the law. Though, Police actions were carried out in restraint and tolerance. At the time of assemblies Police always provides detailed explanations and information about each event through mass media, as well as to the Human Rights Defender.

Police, in collaboration with the international organizations conducts trainings and seminars for the Police officers to improve the correct application of the legislation relating to the freedom of assembly. *The guidelines on the use of physical force, special means and firearms in public order management* and *on conducting negotiations* which were prepared by support of the OSCE experts are also aimed at improving the knowledge and skills of police officers in this sphere, excluding the possibility of breaches during the service.

We have had perceptible achievements in this regard and to keep and develop it becomes a main goal for us. Inappropriate and disproportional use of force can lead not only to human rights violations but also to a loss of public confidence in the police, thus affecting its ability to deliver effective policing: this of course would ruin the new phase of Police Reforms in Armenia. And considering that the main part of these reforms is the Community policing, which is a specific direction of policing based on close co-operation between police and community, it becomes apparent that Police of Armenia takes all measures to increase this confidence. It's targeted at the effective solution of community problems and delivering efficient policing services.
