

Delegation of Romania
Right of reply to the US statement – Session 9

- Regarding the prevention and elimination of domestic violence against women, Romania wishes to stress that Law no. 217/2003 on preventing and combating domestic violence has been recently substantially amended by Law no. 25/2012. One of the most important improvements of the law is the introduction of the restriction order, which is a measure of protection for the victim of domestic violence that can be issued by the court. Another specific measure of protection provided by the new law aims to improve the efficiency of authorities to support and advise victims in order to resort to legal means for sanctioning domestic violence cases.
- The order should be issued by the competent court of law and will allow the victim of domestic violence to benefit of protection against the aggressor, including the possibility that the latter might be removed from the family home even though he is the owner of the house.
- The law provides the obligation to elaborate a national strategy within the family violence field, in order to establish the main objectives and activities to be carried out at national and local level in view of becoming more efficient in this field. This strategy was elaborated with a large consultation of the responsible central administration authorities and representatives of the major NGOs acting in this field and civil society, and it will be approved by a Government Decision.
- We also point out that in December 2009, Romania, together with 11 other EU Member States, presented a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on the European protection order. The proposal was adopted in 2011 (Directive 2011/99/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the European protection order).
- During the year 2010, at national level, 36 informal campaigns were conducted, 19 domestic violence prevention projects and also about 37.000 persons received preventive information. In conducting the activities, external partners have been involved as well: radio and TV stations, NGOs, The Territorial Authority of Public Order from the county level, The County Council, The Labor and Social Protection Directorate, The General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection, The County School Inspectorate, the cults representatives. The process of informing the citizens was realized by organizing meetings (with women, children and elders groups), round tables with local factors involved in preventing this phenomena, projection of video spots and thematic movies, marches against violence, itinerant exhibitions of drawings with preventive theme organized in different places of interest for the public. By these preventive activities, the people received information about the forms of manifestation of the domestic abuse and which are the stages in managing a case.
- In the period 2011-2012, by creating the specialized web site www.politiaromana.ro/prevenire, a new source of information and preventive recommendations was established, which can be easily accessed by any citizen, including the problem concerning the prevention of domestic violence.