

**1.** On 11/29/2020 and 11/30/2020, the Domestic Violence Department of the General Police Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters and the Domestic Violence Offices of the Territory, respectively, started their operation.

With the operation of the aforementioned Agencies, an attempt is made, among other things, to deal more effectively with the increasing cases of domestic violence and to define and develop actions, in cooperation with competent Institutions and Agencies, to protect the rights of victims of domestic violence.

**2.** In particular, with regard to the questions raised in the document of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, the following are known:

**a)** The Domestic Violence Department of the General Police Division/ Hellenic Police Headquarters is responsible, inter alia, for the "collection, processing and regular maintenance of statistics on incidents of domestic violence and its victims. (pd 37/2019, A '63).

In the above context and taking into account the relevant legislation, the Department designed and implemented a computer tool that enables the storage and export of valid and reliable statistics with a combination of variables, as well as the monitoring of domestic violence cases, including homicide cases, involving persons associated with family or intimate partnership relations.

**b)** The Ministry of Citizen Protection and the Hellenic Police Headquarters, have designed and implemented a campaign to inform and raise awareness of civil society, regarding all forms of domestic violence, entitled "You have a voice. We stand by your side ".

In this context, audiovisual material was created which was reproduced by the media, relevant information material was posted on the official website of the Hellenic Police, while relevant posts are made regularly on social media.

In addition, in the context of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, on November 25, 2019, an action was held to distribute printed material in major cities of the country, to inform and raise public awareness.

Furthermore, during the measures to restrict the movement of citizens to prevent the spread of covid-19, instructions were drawn up to report incidents of domestic violence to the Police Agencies, which

were posted on the website of the Hellenic Police and forwarded to competent bodies, for informing citizens.

In addition, on the initiative of the Department or in response to requests, meetings have been held with representatives of governmental and non-governmental bodies, in order to develop a channel of communication and establish substantial cooperation, for the effective and coordinated provision of services to citizens.

**c)** The Domestic Violence Department, within its responsibilities, monitors homicide cases involving persons connected with family or intimate partnership and investigates the existence of a history of previous relevant complaints to the Police Agencies, in order to draw its conclusions and actions, depending on them.

**d)** Regarding the requested statistics, it is pointed out that, due to the upgrading of the process of collecting and exporting statistics on domestic violence, through the creation of a new tool, the requested family or intimate partnership relations of homicide offenses can only be recorded for the year 2020.