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The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honor to send hereby attached the reply on the questionnaire on the World Programme for Human Rights Education sent in accordance with the resolution 15/11 on Human Rights Education.

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurance of its highest consideration.



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## Romania's response Initiatives in the area of human rights education

### 1. Human rights education for teachers

Since 1992, the Ministry for Education, Research, Youth and Sports has been running in partnership with the Romanian Institute for Human Rights initiatives aimed at ensuring human rights training for both teachers/educators and pupils.

In the period 1997-2011, the two institutions mentioned above organized six rounds of the national competition for teachers' creativity (which is held once in two years), focused *inter alia* on developing supplementary training material for human rights education in the secondary education system. All 42 teachers' training houses at national level (one in each county) organized this competition.

#### Programs approved by the Ministry for Education, Research, Youth and Sports:

At the local and regional levels, the teachers' training houses also organized programs for continuing education which included human rights training, including on relevant topics pertaining to the child's rights, as follows:

Academic year	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2010-2011
Number of participants	6557	2772	3475	767

The program "Exploring humanitarian law" was organized in 7 counties and totaled 255 participants.

### 2. Human rights education for military personnel

The Ministry of Defense, through its Centre for International Humanitarian Law, organizes training courses on international humanitarian law, in particular for personnel involved in missions and theater operations abroad, as well as *training the trainers'* courses in this field.

Moreover, the Centre for International Humanitarian Law organizes, together with UNHCR-Romania, the National Committee for International Humanitarian Law and the National Red Cross Society, the academic national competition for international humanitarian law and refugees' law "Nicolae Titulescu", which reaches its 5<sup>th</sup> round in 2012.

### 3. Human rights education for civil servants

The National Agency for Civil Servants has included the principles of non-discrimination and equal opportunities in both its projects and training activities. Financial proposals have to be drafted in full respect of these principles, in order to ensure non-discriminatory access for all beneficiaries. Furthermore, the public procurement procedure has to respect *inter alia* the principles of non-discrimination, equal treatment and transparency of information.

The Agency has organized training programmes which incorporated sessions dedicated to the equal opportunities principle (definition, legislation, the gender problem, the situation of persons with disabilities, practical considerations etc). The number of civil servants at the national level who benefited from these programmes is 12 493, from all age groups, both men and women.

#### **4. Human rights education for magistrates**

The *initial training programme for magistrates* organized by the National Institute of Magistracy includes a human rights component, namely 42 hours of compulsory debates, 7 optional lectures and a workshop on online legal research. In addition, there are extracurricular activities such as the essay competition on topics regarding the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and the THEMIS international competition of all European magistracy training institutions.

The *annual continuing education programme* for magistrates organized by the National Institute of Magistracy also includes human rights courses. For example, the 2012 annual programme contains 7 seminars focused solely on human rights, 4 of which can be followed on-line. In 2011, there were 5 seminars on issues regarding the interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights.