

25 November 2009 - International Day on the Elimination of violence against women in Bulgaria

Public female Parliament - XXI Century, chaired by Yanka Takeva, who is also vice president of the Women's Committee of the Pan-European Regional Council of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions / ICFTU / and regional structures of the living area in the country, held a series of events related to the November 25 – UN - International Day on the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Enterprises continued through a 16-day campaign "16 days against violence based on gender", which ends on 10 December - International Day of Human Rights. Among them was holding press conferences in all district towns, exhibitions, lectures and other activities organized by the structure of Public female Parliament to increase the awareness of citizens, employers and governments, raising awareness and creating intolerance in society towards this problem. This is because despite having enacted national legislation against violence against women, not enough concrete action in his realization.

During the various forums possible trade union activities have been discussed in relation to violence against women and girls. It was specified that the unions' collective agreements must agree on clauses relating to improving working conditions, gender equality and eliminate violence in the workplace.

In different cities, with representatives of various social groups, various actions and policies were discussed to put pressure on the Elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls. Participants in the discussions were categorical that the guarantees for improved status and conditions for the development of gender perspectives must be included in government policy, extending to all levels of administration.

So were adopted declarations, which were sent to the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy. With the demands placed in them, it was emphasized the development of a National action plan for promoting equality between women and men in Bulgaria, where a special section can also be included to reduce and eliminate violence against women in the workplace, family, social environment. It was emphasized that all organizations and citizens should unite and face the challenges of the problems associated with forms of violence against women and girls, so as to be able to achieve safe workplaces and working conditions.

A summary will be made and our structures will consider further enterprises to support UNIFEM platform for action “Say NO – to violence against women”.

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