

PRESS RELEASE

The Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention and the Center for Law and Justice signed a Memorandum of Understanding for their Collaborative Efforts on the Protection of Human Rights and Genocide Prevention



November 7, 2022 - The Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention and the Center for Law and Justice “Tatoyan Foundation” have established cooperative efforts based on the memorandum of agreement signed on 9 September 2022.

The Lemkin Institute is a non-governmental organization dedicated to genocide prevention by facilitating education and research, advocacy, accountability, and grassroots efforts in the field.

The Lemkin Institute’s partner, the Center for Law and Justice, was founded by former Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia, Arman Tatoyan. The Foundation is committed to strengthening democracy and the rule of law in Armenia, while also implementing strategies to fully protect human rights, social justice and national security. Its mission is to strengthen relations between Armenia, Artsakh and the Armenian diaspora, to ensure pan-Armenian solidarity.

Guided by the principles of international law and genocide prevention, the Memorandum establishes that the parties are dedicated to building partnerships based on the principles of equality, partnership, and protection of mutual interests.

Given growing trends of hate speech, armenophobia, discrimination and intolerance to the Armenian identity the Lemkin Institute and the Center for Law and Justice have decided to collaborate with the intention to improve the protection and promotion of the human rights, cultural heritage, and identity of Armenians worldwide, while implementing prevention mechanisms on the grassroots level.

The parties have also agreed to collaborate on the prevention of genocide and promotion of restorative justice, while also contributing to accountability for human rights violations, and international crimes.

Common endeavors to achieve these objectives include information exchange, working groups, research, and joint projects, implementing fact finding missions, hosting workshops, conferences and seminars among other crucial activities to promote human rights awareness and genocide prevention around the world.

Through collaborative efforts, the Lemkin Institute and Center for Law and Justice are dedicated to promoting genocide prevention, peace-building, human security, transitional justice and the protection of human rights for all Armenians globally.

The **Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention** is a US-based nongovernmental organization focused on the prevention of genocide worldwide through education and grassroots empowerment, national and international advocacy, and legal accountability.