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Report on Youth Visit

Missing Persons Resource Center hosted a group of over thirty Youth Activists from different communities. The group was led by Mrs. Jana Minochkina, Youth Coordinator. Objective of this group is fighting non-tolerance between the communities thus this is their first multiethnic initiative by finding common solutions on things that divide and unite them. In the course of the group introduction they have also emphasized that the past cannot be forgotten but the aim is to work and move forward.

Primarily, work of the Center was presented by Program Director Mr. Milorad Trifunovic. Among other words, Mr. Trifunovic and other staff members stated that the main goal of the Center which is to serve as a constant reminder to the government in fulfilling their obligations in enlightening the fate of all missing persons in Kosovo. Missing Persons Resource Center is a unique organization in Kosovo that brings together families of missing persons from all ethnic backgrounds, encouraging cooperation among them with an aim of sharing knowledge towards enlightening the fate of missing persons in Kosovo. Further more, MPRC serves as a neutral meeting and information sharing venue for the families of missing persons from all ethnic backgrounds in Kosovo, improves access to information and materials on missing persons for all interested parties, increases awareness and understanding of the general public on missing persons in Kosovo, holds the government accountable in fulfilling its obligations in enlightening the fate of all the missing persons.

It was also noted that Center's methodical activities consist of organization of regular coordination and information sharing meetings among families of missing persons, establishment of a public information platform on missing persons, equipped with relevant materials to help research and follow-up actions, organization of awareness rising campaigns, conferences, round-tables and other events, lobbying and advocating with the relevant government institutions, partners and stakeholders.

During the presentation, it was pointed out that without the support of the donors MPRC would not be able to function. UNMIK was the first donor and established the NGO, later on more donors joined: British Embassy, American Embassy, Swiss Embassy, and ICRC.

Part of the meeting were some members of the families of missing persons therefore they have given their inputs in order to clarify more the situation of the missing persons. They noted that it is very hard to bear up the pain and the fact that they are still not found but when they come to the Center they feel relieved because there are 25 associations for missing persons in all over Kosovo and MPRC serves as a focal neutral place where everybody meets and works towards



enlightening the fate of the missing persons. They have also emphasized that in the beginning it was desperately difficult to meet people from other communities but with time that changed and now they have accepted the fate that not every Serb is criminal and not every Albanian is criminal.