



NEWS REPORT

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Title:	Establishment of a Committee on Protection against Discrimination
Country:	Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)
Context	
Issue at stake:	On 27 December 2010, the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia chose the members of the Committee on Protection against Discrimination
Ground of discrimination:	All grounds
Source:	Decision of the legislative body Decision No. 07-5222/1
Field:	All fields
Legislative provisions:	Article 17 of the Macedonian Law on prevention and protection from discrimination ⁱ / Article 13 of the Council Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000
Content	

Political development: In accordance with the Macedonian Anti-Discrimination Law (MADL) providing for the establishment of the Macedonian Committee on Protection against Discrimination (MCPD), the Parliament orderly announced vacancies opening for the position of members to that Committee. On 27 December 2010 it had received 38 applications and adopted Decision No. 07-5222/1 regarding the nomination of the Members of the MCPD.

Discussions during the Parliamentary plenary session regarding the draft-decision proposed by the competent parliamentary Committee on Nominations revealed deep dissatisfaction from the oppositional political parties. They claimed that some of the proposed candidates did not fulfil the legal criteria at all, whereas others only partially fulfilled the criterion of experience in the area of human rights. Furthermore, at least two of the candidates were in privileged position working in the administration of the Parliament (and one of them will continue working), three (out of seven) candidates are in serious conflict of interest (two of them working in the Ministry for Labour and Social Policy), while candidates that completely fulfil these criteria (some of them *cum laude*) were omitted.



Among the proposed and chosen candidates there are no representatives of the Roma community or of people with disability. According to the background information distributed to the members of the Parliament, it appears that there were competent candidates fulfilling the legal criteria both Roma and people with disabilities' candidates.

Some of the rejected candidates announced that they would initiate a procedure in front of the Administrative Court of Macedonia.

Internet link source and additional information:

Transcripts from the 130 session of the Parliament (27.12.2010)

[http://www.sobranie.mk/?](http://www.sobranie.mk/?ItemID=2547F32CBD6B7D409453ACB1CAB201A3)

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Draft decision on appointing members of the Commission for Protection against Discrimination

<http://www.sobranie.mk/ext/materialdetails.aspx?Id=f865c40a-05b5-491c-a49d-79fc5ff85318>

