



NEWS REPORT

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Title:	Advocate of the Principle of Equality Annual Report 2010
Country:	Slovenia
Context	
Issue at stake:	The Advocate of the Principle of Equality issued its 2010 Annual Report, underlying deficiencies in legal protection from discrimination in Slovenia.
Ground of discrimination:	All grounds
Source:	National equality body/ political development
Field:	All fields
Legislative provisions:	Article 19 of the Act Implementing the Principle of Equal Treatment – official consolidated text (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 93/2007).

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Political development: The Advocate issued an Annual Report 2010 which contains information on its work and activities in 2010. However, the report does not only present statistics on complaints and cases dealt with in the past year (the number of which was 55), but also systemic issues concerning the lack of legal protection mechanisms in Slovenia, the lack of their effectiveness, and the lack of its own powers and capacities to address wider issues of discrimination, in particular with regard to the fact that the Advocate is expected to deal with issues of discrimination on all grounds and in all fields. The report assessed the work of Advocate since it was set up in 2004, as unsuccessful. It stated that the awareness of the public about the existence of this institution is low, that reputation within the public opinion was ruined and that it had no credibility in the eyes of the experts and key target groups. The document underlined that the current setting of the Advocate as an equality body Slovenia did not meet the requirements from the Racial Equality Directive 2000/43/EC and the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. The report pointed out that there was a lack of political will expressed by the Government of the Slovenia to address the problems described. The report also proposed a vision for 2011,



which includes, among others, the establishment of a truly independent equality body which should become a member of EQUINET (as at the moment it is not the case).

Internet link source and additional information: (no newspaper links)

http://www.zagovornik.net/uploads/media/zagovornik_lp_2010.pdf