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CCPMI is incorporated in 1997 in Yerevan, Armenia, and it is registered in February 15, 2002 by State Register Department of RA (Certification Number : 211.171.00553)

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

CCPMI points out the necessity of uniting the public to counterbalance political speculations on existing conflicts, contributing to the formation of public need for peace and restoration of good-neighborly relations in the South Caucasus, promotion of settling the "frozen" conflicts on the basis of human rights and freedoms. We try to involve the largest possible number of citizens in order to prevent or minimize hostility between peoples and political exploitation of it; we try to consolidate the social demand for good neighborly relations and to form social demand for guaranteed peace.

The organization recognizes the importance of maintaining friendly relationship; close contacts, constructive dialogue as well as peace-making initiatives with the similar structures operating in the neighboring countries. Our priorities are citizens' active involvement and peacemaking aimed to promotion of civic dialogue and restoration of neighborly relations. Within these two formats we try to move gradually from talks about territorial claims and confrontation to respect for human rights and basic freedoms. CCPMI conducts public awareness activities, organized rallies, discussions, meetings, conferences and performances.

Current programs of CCPMI:

"South Caucasus Integration: Alternative Start" (started at 2005) is a civic initiative aimed to revision of existing problems in civic dialogue and searching the new alternative modes for promotion the peace and conflict resolution in South Caucasus.

The tragic events in August 2008 in Georgia, the new wave of Russian expansion in region at general, provoked the return of "cold war" and at the same time "soviet internationalism" rhetoric. Even in Georgia the public opinion is formulated around the idea of geopolitical struggle between Russia and West (NATO), and in all societies of South Caucasus countries become more and more disillusioned with the West (European) principles of coexistence, civic dialogue or any cross border civic initiatives. Inactivity and lying-in-wait are cultivated now in public opinion, which trust only to pragmatism of being small change in geopolitical games.

We think that in current situation there is the need of “fresh air” - new ideas, new formats, and new modes of civic activity aimed to reconciliation, good neighborhood in South Caucasus founded on universal values of human rights and tolerance. Number of meetings and joint projects are already implemented by members of this initiative, it is planned to elaborate the strategy for permanent activity of the South Caucasus Citizens Congress, to carry out public awareness campaign regarding the goals of the Congress, to strengthen the collaboration between partners, etc.

“*Human Rights Defender School*” is the program of CCPMI started in December 2007. The short study course of human rights and civil peace-making is elaborated for schoolchildren. The first classes were led by our partners from Azerbaijan – human rights activists, lawyers and journalists. The longterm goal of this activity is creating of human rights defenders network in Armenian secondary schools and developing the experience of engagement the guest teachers from neighbour countries Azerbaijan and Georgia.

“*Step into dialog: Armenia-Azerbaijan-Turkey*” the implementation of this program within the context of Armenia-Azerbaijan-Turkey is based on the result of our public discussions and work experience in the stereotypes overcoming sphere. Undoubtedly the political problems are not the same in Armenian-Azeri and Armenian-Turkish relations, but there is not any doubt that the complex of enemy stereotypes is based on the same ideology, namely, the historical confrontation between Armenians and Turkish world.

Current projects of this program are aimed to open for Armenian society a part of present-day Turkey and Azerbaijan by screening the films from these countries. The selected films will not be “made special for Armenian audience” but they will apply to social and human rights problems which are very topical in Armenia too. So the main idea of this project is to encourage the interest to neighbor countries by means of acquaintance with new generation in Turkey and Azerbaijan through their works; by means of acquaintance with the personages of these films - simple peoples, their views and their troubles. We suppose that in current contexts this festival will be able to enlarge the communication field between our societies, and will be able to give an opportunity for opening the new way for dialogue focused in common to all mankind issues.

All projects and activity of CCPMI since 2005 is presented in www.southcaucasus.com mostly in Russian. The part of materials is available in English by following link <http://www.southcaucasus.com/index.php?page=current&id=2279>

List of implemented and current projects

#	Name of the Project	Donor Organization	Project Timeframe
	Mock trials on human rights	National	October 2009 –

		Endowment for democracy (USA)	September 2010
	“23,5” Second Turkish films festival in Armenia	British Embassy in Armenia	October 2009 – March 2010
	South Caucasus Integration: Alternative start Six side working-meeting of civic initiative	Eurasia Partnership Foundation	December 2009 – June 2010
	Azerbaijani films festival in Armenia	US Embassy in Armenia	June 2009 – up today
1.	“23,5” Turkish films festival in Armenia	British Embassy in Armenia	December 2008 - March 2009
1.	“South Caucasus Documentary Film Festival of Peace and Human Rights in Armenia” the European documentaries screening in Yerevan and 5 towns of Armenia	Eurasia Partnership Foundation	August 2008 - February 2009
2.	The Days of Azerbaijan in Armenian School Meetings and discussions, the documentary film screening, lessons on human rights	British Embassy in Armenia	September-December 2007
3.	Convocation of South Caucasus Citizens Congress public discussions	Caritas, France	July 2007 – up today
4.	Open up the border! Documentary film creating	Heinrich Boll Foundation	December 2006 – March 2007

5.	Step into the Dialog : Armenia-Azerbaijan-Turkey Master-class of Turkish and Azerbaijanian journalists for Armenian students of journalism	British Embassy in Armenia	November 2006 – March 2007
6.	South Caucasus Integration: Alternative Start working meeting of citizens and NGO of South Caucasus, web-site creating	Caritas, France	March – September 2006
7.	Step into the Future: All Together Jazz Master-class in Yerevan for artists from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, including representatives of the communities from conflict zones (Abkhazia, Nagorny Karabakh and South Ossetia)	“Art and Culture Network Program” OSI Budapest	October – December 2005
8.	Peacemaking Team Presentation the exhibition and films in 10 regions of Armenia, Stepenakert and 5 regions of Nagorny Karabakh	Heinrich Boll Foundation	July – December 2005
9.	Step into the future: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia – together Master-class for young painters	“Art and Culture Network Program”, OSI Budapest	February - July 2005
10.	Armenia: The Way into the Europe public awareness campaign in schools	“Armenia” Foundation	November 2004 – April 2005
11.	My knowledge is the guarantee for my rights public awareness campaign about the functions and role of the new public institution of Ombudsman	OSI-Assistance Foundation Armenia	October 2003 May 2004

12.	Workshop discussion “ International Experience Concerning the Office of Human Rights Ombudsman ”	OSI-Assistance Foundation Armenia, East-East program	September – December 14 2003
13.	My right to know youth oriented media campaign	OSI-Assistance Foundation Armenia	November 2002 - June 2003

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