

Recommendations included in the Ombudsman's 2023 Annual Report on the Protection of Human Rights in the Republic of Azerbaijan:

- To establish a relevant department in specialized medical institutions for the purpose of organizing the treatment of minors suffering from drug addiction;

- To ensure the improvement of the quality of services provided to children in relevant boarding houses increasing the number of “nurses”, “night-shift nurse-maid” and “psychologist” positions in “Exemplary positions of managers, administrative-household, teaching assistants and service personnel of boarding-type special general education schools for children with mental and physical disabilities” approved by Resolution No. 6 of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 9 January 1992;

- To increase efficiency in the field of ensuring children's right to health protection in nurseries, kindergartens and boarding houses, adaptation to modern standards of “Nutrition norms for children in orphanages, kindergartens and children's homes” (Appendix No. 3) approved by Resolution No. 103 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated March 9, 1994, “On the implementation of food norms of citizens in educational institutions, hospitals and other public institutions of the social sphere”;

- To prepare a state program for the education of PWDs (persons with limited health capacities), textbooks and study materials and acceleration of the provision of such materials to PWDs, taking into account that other students, except for elementary school students, are not provided with appropriate teaching materials in special boarding schools;

- To re-develop and approve the statutes regulating the activities of general education boarding schools in accordance with the requirements of the national legislation, including the international agreements to which our country is a party, as well as modern challenges;

- To ensure the right of children to live in a healthy, safe and developing environment in appropriate children's institutions increasing the number of “night nanny” and “psychologist” positions in the “Exemplary staff of administrative staff, administrative-household, teaching-assistant and service staff of general-purpose boarding-type general education schools, integrated-training type boarding-type general education schools, boarding-type sanatoria general education schools, boarding-type lyceums and boarding-type gymnasiums” approved by Resolution No. 157 of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 23 June 2006;

- To re-organize the living conditions in the Guba Special Vocational School, which is in a state of emergency, in order to adapt it to the requirements established by the national legislation, including the “Model Charter on open and closed-type special educational institutions” approved by the Resolution No. 65 of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 13 May 2003;

- To amend the penal-enforcement legislation and other legislative acts to allow convicts aged 18-24 who do not pose a particular public threat and who have committed less serious crimes to serve their sentences under a different regime, including through the establishment of a specialized penitentiary facility for such convicts;

- To establish of an appropriate mechanism, including internet (online) platforms to ensure the right of convicted persons to study, to continue their secondary or higher education, and increase their knowledge and skills;
- To effectively ensure the right to health protection of arrested persons, persons serving a sentence of deprivation of liberty for a certain period of time (fixed-term sentence) and imprisonment for life (life-sentenced prisoners) where the examination and treatment of such persons cannot be provided within institutions of the Penitentiary Service of the Ministry of Justice, to make relevant additions and changes to Article 15-2 of the Law “On Medical Insurance” to allow such medical services to be provided in other medical institutions at the expense of compulsory medical insurance;