

Republic of North Macedonia

Ministry of Interior

Minister's Office

SUBJECT: Requesting supplements as per relevant resolutions

REFERENCE: Your Act No. 28/2-12106/20-1 of 30.04.2020

Distinguished,

Apropos the aforesaid subject which informed about the circular letter submitted to the member states by the UN Secretary General on the measures and activities undertaken in the period from August 1, 2018 to date concerning the implementation of Resolutions A / RES / 73/148, A / RES / 73/146 and A / RES / 73/149 of the General Assembly, which tackle the elimination of violence against women and girls with an emphasis on sexual violence, trafficking of women and girls and eliminating female genital mutilation, I, hereby, submit the following information:

Resolution A/RES /73/149

The Multi-Sectoral Working Group for preparedness and response of the health care system in terms of sexual and reproductive health in circumstances involving risks, hazards, disasters, crises and emergencies, whose members included employees of the Ministry of Interior, prepared a 2019-2022 Action Plan for a minimum service package for sexual and reproductive health during crisis and emergency". The activity is carried out by the Ministry of Health.

The Multi-Sectoral Working Group, whose members included employees of the Ministry of Interior, prepared a Standard operating procedure on providing a comprehensive multisectoral response by the Sexual Assault Referral Centres, based on which the Government of the Republic of Macedonia authorises the Ministry of Interior to take action within its scope of competence as laid down in the aforesaid procedure. Furthermore, we would like to inform you that the Ministry of Health has opened 3 (three) such centres: in Kumanovo, in the premises of the Kumanovo General Hospital, in Skopje, in the premises of the University Clinic for

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Gynaecology and Obstetrics-Skopje and in Tetovo, in the premises at the Tetovo Clinical Hospital.

A working group at the Ministry of Interior is reviewing the Standard operating procedures on the manner of handling homicide and other crimes such as multiple and sexually-based offences, as well as all cases of unexpected, unexplained death and death under suspicious circumstances by the police officers at the Ministry of Interior. The purpose of this *standard operating procedure* is to enable all members of the Ministry of Interior to have guidelines and instructions on how to conduct criminal investigations, in order for them to undertake all the necessary measures and activities that fall within the competence of the Ministry, in order to detect the perpetrators of criminal offences, provide material evidence and file criminal charges with the competent Public Prosecutor's Office, as well as to assist and protect the victims (direct and indirect-secondary).

Regarding the requested information on the elimination of female genital mutilation, no victims who have been subjected to such violence have been registered.

We, hereby, submit the foregoing as an introduction to our activities and for whatever follow-up activities it may serve.