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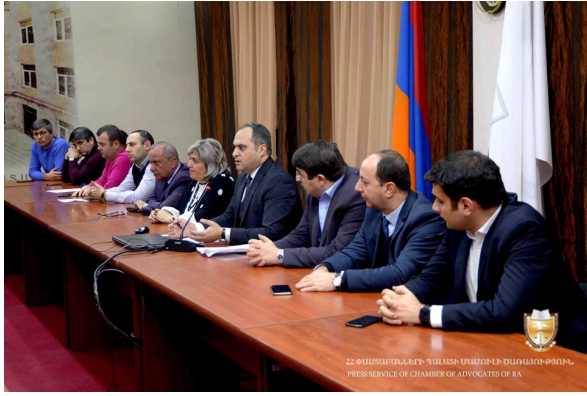
On January 14, 2019, an advocates' club session was held at the Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia, where the advocates discussed the issue of protecting advocates against abusive and intolerant actions committed by a group of people.

During the discussion advocates Ara Zohrabyan, Hayk Alumyan, Eduard Aghajanyan, Karen Mezhlumyan, Hrant Ananyan, Sedrak Asatryan, Melanya Arustamyan, Armine Fanyan, Marine Farmanyan, Arsen Mkrtchyan, Harutyun Harutyunyan, Levon Sahakyan, Seyran Grogoryan, Gurgen Grigoryan, Edgar Bademyan, Zaruhi Postanjyan, Aram Orbelyan and Vrezh Khachikyan made speeches presenting their perspectives on the matter and their proposals.

As a result of the discussion, the advocates formed an initiative group of 11 advocates, as well as decided:

1. To expand the advocates' rapid response team by involving new advocates on a voluntary basis.
2. To make a call upon the law enforcement authorities to eliminate obstacles to the implementation of professional activities of advocates and to bring the perpetrators to justice.
3. To make a call upon the Prime Minister of RA, as the head of the executive body, to undertake all necessary means in order to respect, protect, and promote the freedom of professional activities of an advocate without discrimination and illegitimate interference of authorities or some members of society, as well as to initiate the criminalization of the acts of insulting an advocate in relation to his professional activities, displaying disrespect towards them and hindering the exercise of the advocate's powers.
4. Define that, if the executive body does not take adequate measures to resolve the issue, the community of advocates will initiate universal protest actions.
5. To inform the international organizations about the issue.

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