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**GREEK NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

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| <p><b>Comments on Bill by the Ministry of Public Order titled<br/>'Arms Possession, Use of Firearms by Police Officers and<br/>Their Training'</b></p> |
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Upon request of the Minister of Public Order, the Commission submitted its comments on the above Bill (later Law 3169/2003). The Commission regarded this Bill as moving in the right direction taking into account its own earlier recommendations of 5 April 2001, the 1979 UN *Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials* and the 1990 UN *Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials*. The Commission proposed the modification of a series of provisions of the above Bill in order to comply with the principles of necessity and proportionality on which the relevant policy and practice should be based. The Commission also stressed the need for the Ministry of Public Order to intensify and strengthen human rights education and further training of all law enforcement officials in Greece via, *inter alia*, the use of updated and specialized textbooks.

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