

**HELLENIC REPUBLIC**  
**GREEK NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

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<p><b>Comments on the Bill titled ‘Reform of Juvenile Criminal Law’</b></p>
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The Commission considered the above Bill (later Law 3189/2003) to constitute a positive step with regard to juvenile criminal law. However, it submitted to the Ministry of Justice a series of recommendations pertaining to the protection of minors’ physical and mental health that should be afforded by Greek criminal law. The Commission proposed, *inter alia*, the following:

(a) Introduction into Greek legislation of special protective measures aiming at the rehabilitation and social integration of juvenile offenders;

(b) Amendment of the Bill so that specialized psychological care is provided to juvenile offenders;

(c) The strict observance of the rule prescribing the separation of detainees between drug addicts and non-drug addicts also in the case of minor detainees. It also stressed the need to avoid institutionalized treatment of juvenile offenders.

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