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## THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON "PRINCIPLES N PUBLIC PROSECUTION AS REGARDS JUDICIAL JUSTICE"

### I Criminal justice system

- 1. The prevailing character of the general policy on juvenile justice is more educative than repressive. The minimum age for criminal responsibility is over the 14 years of age. The minimum age under which it is not permissible to imprison the child is the 16 years of age.
- 2. The specialized Public Prosecutors for Juveniles are provided by the system of licensing for juvenile cases. Specialized public prosecutors and judges does form the specialized entity.
- 3. Consultations, seminaries and special expert's literature.
- 4. There are always the alternatives. The juvenile prison is not obligatory.
- 5. The public prosecutor is giving suggestion on the juvenile custody, but it does not chain the court.
- 6. The public prosecutor has only the advisory role.
- 7. Co-operation in the course of the interest of the juvenile delinquents.

### II Civil system and administrative proceedings

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- 8. The public prosecutors does not play any role in the civil cases proceedings because it has to do with the private interest, but exceptionally they can initiate the civil proceedings for protection of the juvenile interest (Example: the proceedings for the deprivation of the parental rights due to the severe disregard or abuse of juveniles) and they can also initiate the administrative proceedings or the proceedings before the magistrates for minor offences.
- 9. The public prosecutor takes part in the ex-officio investigations by proposing to the court the measures that should be implemented on the juveniles, same did he control the course of their execution and their effects.
- 10. The public prosecutor is authorized to initiate the criminal proceedings.
- 11. The public prosecution co-operates with all other institutions in the course of the protection of juveniles.

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