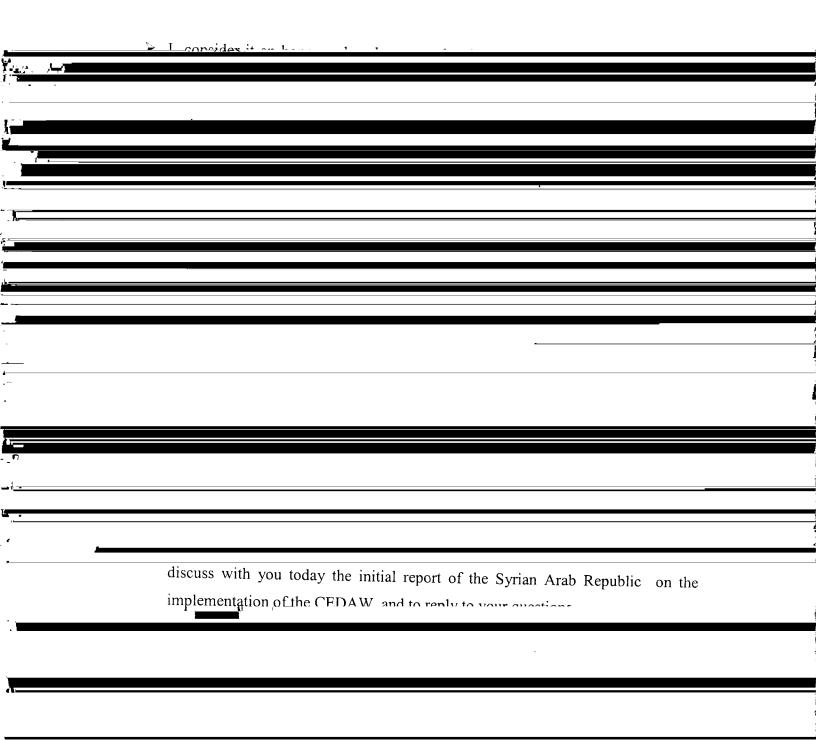


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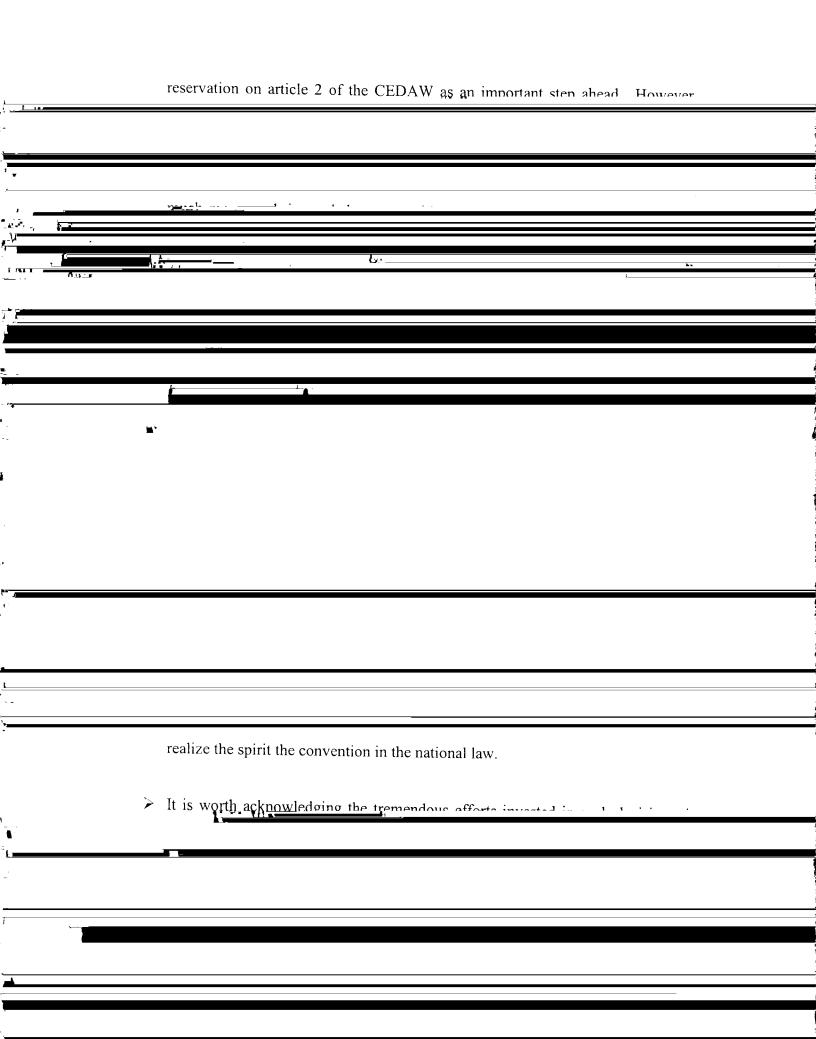
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responsible of setting the national polices and strategies and also monitoring its implementation. In addition to its mission in monitoring and evaluating the women's status. The SCFA comes as an initiative to modernize the

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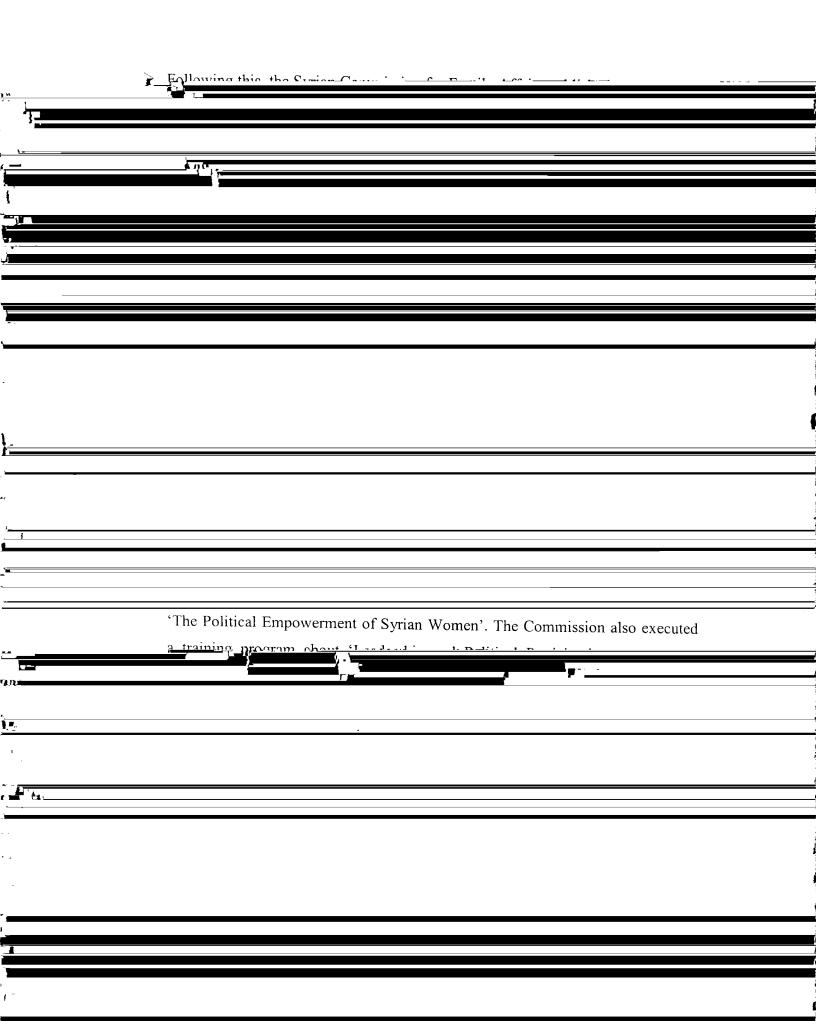
Working under the umbrella of the Prime Ministry, the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs has access to other governmental bodies. It is also responsible of cooperation and coordination with women non governmental organizations. As it is believed that only through transparent and strong partnership between



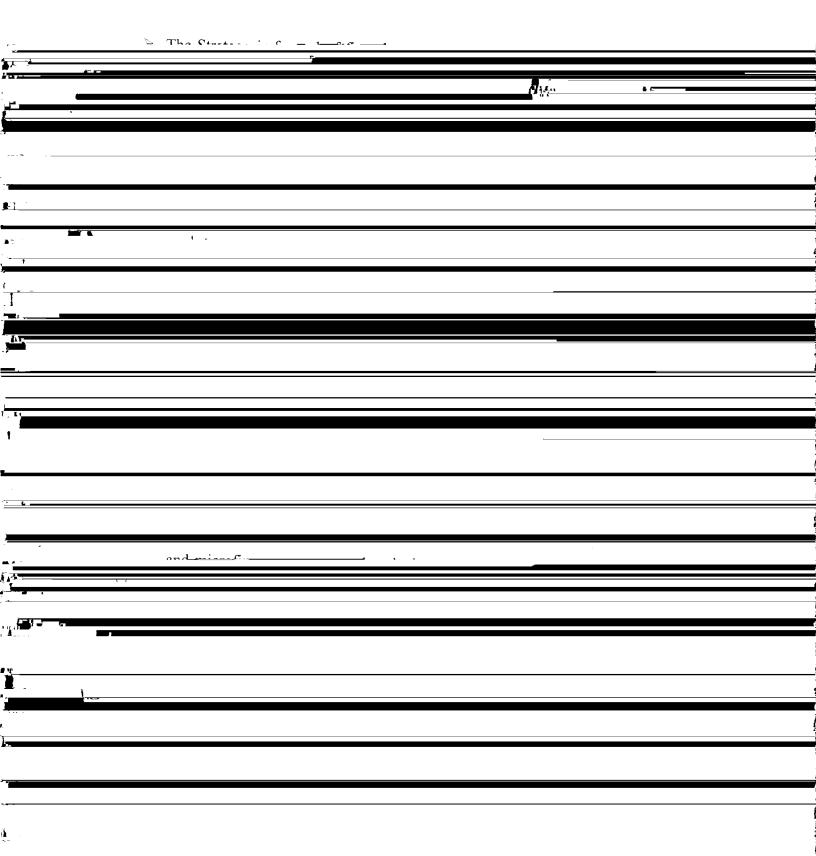
Family Affairs; in cooperation with the Syrian Bar Association, the Women Union, and legal persons from NGOs and Civil Society.

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	that, for the first time in Syria, the International Day on Violence Against Women
	had been marked in 2004 -2007.
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	extremely valuable work in their shelters and help line. Recently the National
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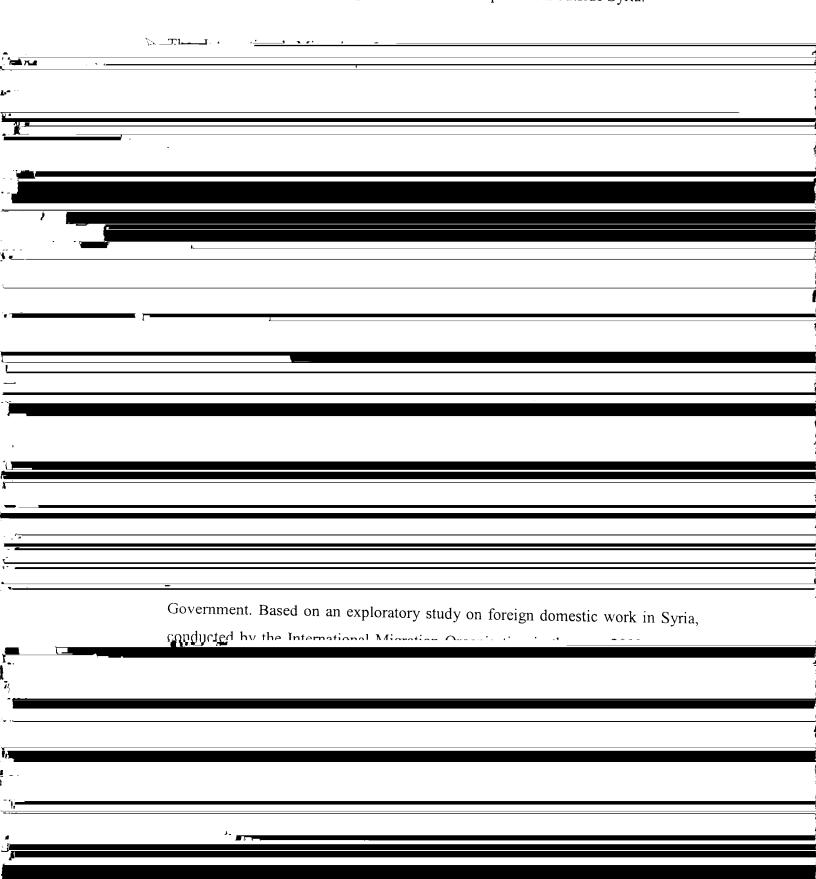


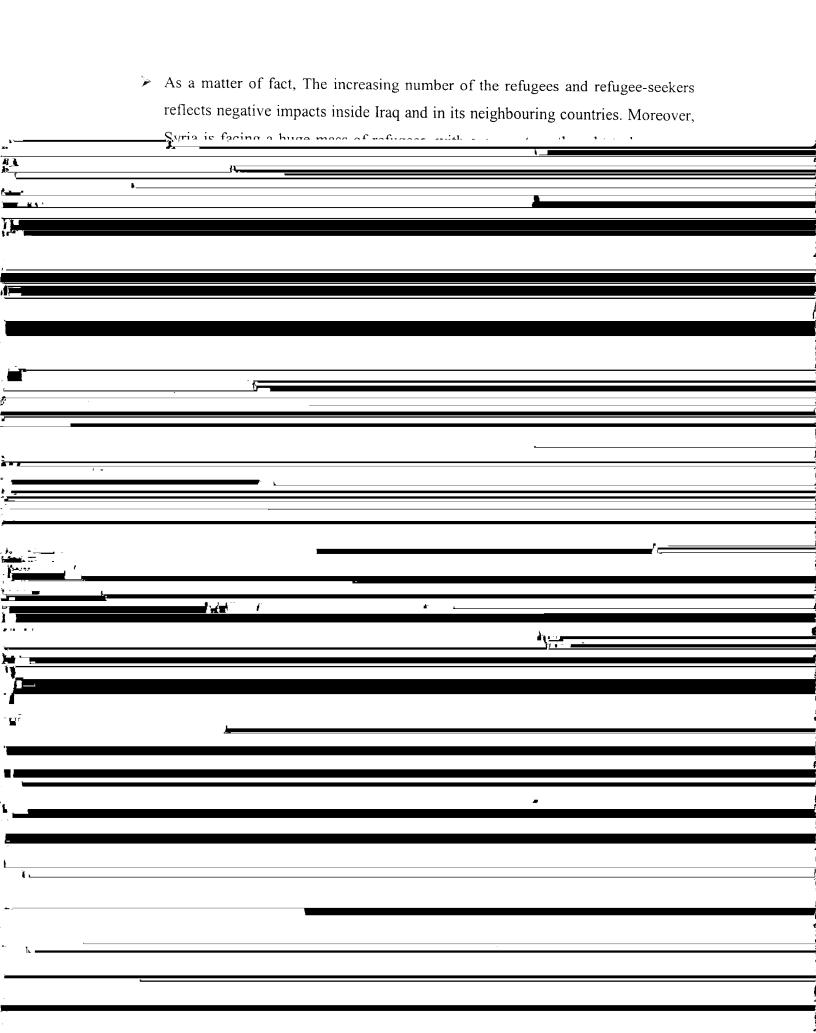
presented to Parliament according to the formal processes. It is worth to mention that the state 10th Five Year Plan had devoted a specific chapter on women advancement and another chapter on civil society. In addition an amendment to the honor killing law was also prepared and submitted to the concerned parties by the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs for review and consideration. Advancement of Women for the years (2007-2011) is heing taken in support of After all these efforts to empower women, the State's Five Years Plan set specified intervention areas that are mentioned in the 'Strategy for Economic Empowerment of Women'.



progressive sign is the special section of the State 10th Five Years Plan dedicated to Civil Society. > Cooperative work between Civil society and the Syrian Commission for Family in Syria. A partnership was created between the government and Civil society to advance women's issues and rights. Another clear success of Civil society and come into hoing hyperanic

the country. Consequently, a draft law has been prepared concerning private companies and agencies that provide domestic helpers from outside Syria.





> Bearing that in mind, the connection between a peaceful situation in the country on women's issues. Significant further international efforts should be exerted, regarding 'women and peace processes. that democratic change should be a bottom-up-initiative and not imposed.