In March 2017, the European Court of Human Rights issued a judgment on the leading case *Chowdury and others v. Greece* (“Manolada case”) regarding forced labour and trafficking in the agricultural sector of 42 Bangladeshi nationals, supporting the repeated recommendations of the NHRI concerning the situation in rural areas.

In August 2018, the NHRI issued specific recommendations for the adoption of appropriate measures to combat trafficking in human beings and/or forced labour and for the full compliance of the State with the judgment. Acting as a bridge between the State and civil society, the NHRI initiated two large-scale participation hearings of national stakeholders.

At the international level, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe took into account the NHRI’s recommendations while examining the execution of the Manolada case judgment. At the national level, the Greek Parliament (Subcommittee on combating and preventing trafficking of human beings) launched a discussion on the Manolada case based on the NHRI’s recommendations.