Over the years, our experience has taught us that support centres have made an important contribution in terms of bringing about the changes needed to eliminate assaults of a sexual nature. More and more women are coming forward promptly and reporting assaults (the average number of reports has increased fivefold in ten years). Moreover, we have proposed significant legal and social changes (for example, the major concern of the social affairs network, the 1983 amendments to the Criminal Code in the area of sexual assaults).