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CSO-Government Working Meeting Discussion on the Draft of the RA 2014-2018 Anti-Corruption Strategy

The "Armenian Young Lawyers Association" NGO and Freedom of Information Center in the framework of the EU funded project "Multifaceted Anti-Corruption Promotion" organizes a working meeting of the representatives of the civil society organisations (CSOs) and the Government in order to discuss on the Draft of the RA 2014-2018 Anti-Corruption Strategy on August 26, 2014 in Yerevan .The representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the Delegation of the European Union to Armenia, Armenian Young lLwyers Association and Freedom of Information Center of Armenia and the experts of "Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion" project will take part.

The presentation of the Draft of the RA 2014-2018 Anti-Corruption Strategy and discussions on the draft, the creation of the Anti-corruption independent committee in Armenia and the issues of the criminalization of illegal enrichment will be on the agenda. The participants will be encouraged to participate in discussions and present their suggestions.

The EU funded project "Multifaceted Anti-Corruption Promotion" aims at increasing the role of the CSOs in promoting anti-corruption reforms and their implementation. In the framework of the project the capacity of CSOs and the media to engage in monitoring and watchdog activities will be built. Anti-corruption training workshops will be organized throughout Armenia with the purpose of enabling CSOs and media organisations to better comprehend the issues related to anti-corruption and freedom of information. These activities aim at deepening the existing opportunities for carrying out anti-corruption activities. Small grants will be given for raising the effectiveness of public monitoring and implementation of appropriate monitoring, watchdog and investigative activities. A sustainable dialogue between CSOs and the Government will be developed with the participation of CSOs, to strengthen the anti-corruption institutional mechanisms.

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Armenian Young Lawyers Association (AYLA) was established in1995 with a Mission to promote to the establishment of the rule of law, democracy and formation of the civil society in Armenia, where the people are aware of their rights and their rights are protected.

Freedom of Information Center (FOI) operates over 10 years. The Mission of FOI is to promote application of the RA Freedom of Information Law, contribute to the transparency and openness of the Armenian government system and to stimulate civic society's involvement in the governance system.

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