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Establishment of the Anti-Corruption Coalition and Public Discussion on the “Draft of the Republic of Armenia Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2014 – 2018”

An anti-corruption event is organized on 28 November 2014 by the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO in the framework of the EU funded project called “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion”. The event will take place at Best Western Congress Hotel, Yerevan. The first part of the event is devoted to the establishment of the Anti-Corruption Coalition, and the second part to the public discussions of the Draft Anti-Corruption Strategy of the RA for 2014-2018.

Representatives of international organizations, the state structures, as well as CSOs and Mass Media from Yerevan and the marzes will participate in the event.

President of the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO, “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project Manager Mr. Karen Zadoyan will make a welcoming speech.

Deputy Minister of Justice of the RA Mr. Suren Krmoyan is also invited to make a welcoming speech at the second part of the event, followed by the presentation of and discussions on the Draft Anti-Corruption Strategy of the RA for 2014-2018. The participants will be provided opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations.

The project aims to increase the role of the Civil Society Organizations (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 in 1995 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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