

# **BYLAW OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COALITION OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**

## **1. GENERAL TERMS**

- 1.1. The Anti-Corruption Coalition of the Civil Society Organizations (hereinafter – Coalition) has been established and acts on the basis of principles of common anti-corruption values, volunteerism, equality, independence, transparency, accountability and collegial governance.
- 1.2. The Coalition is an informal formation of the civil society organizations and acts in compliance with the acting RA legislation, this Bylaw, as well as the Declaration adopted at the Founding Assembly of the Member-Organizations of the Coalition

## **2. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COALITION**

- 2.1. The goals of the Coalition are:
  - a) To raise the efficiency of CSO control over anti-corruption reforms of the Government,
  - b) To contribute to the enforcement and development of anti-corruption institutional mechanisms,
  - c) To contribute to the increased anti-corruption understanding and awareness-raising in the society, protection of the rights of the victims of corruption,
  - d) To enhance the monitoring, watchdog and anti-corruption capacities of the CSOs.
- 2.2. The Objectives of the Coalition are:
  - e) To carry out monitoring of the RA Government Program, Reform Strategy in the field of Justice for 2012-2016, the RA Anti-Corruption Strategy and of the implementation of international obligations undertaken by the RA in the field of the fight against corruption, publicize the results and present suggestions to the respective institutions based on the results.
  - f) To establish CSO-Government sustainable dialogue on the strengthening of Anti-Corruption institutional mechanisms, focusing on the issues of establishment of an independent anti-corruption body and the criminalization of the illicit enrichment in Armenia.
  - g) To develop and implement programs towards raising the anti-corruption understanding and awareness of the society, the involvement of the society in the fight against corruption and the protection of the rights of the victims of corruption.
  - h) To hold seminars, trainings and other events aimed at strengthening the monitoring, watchdog and anti-corruption capacities of the CSOs.
  - i) To develop the cooperation among the organizations involved in the Coalition.
  - j) To cooperate with the RA state governance and local self-government bodies, international and foreign organizations, including the UNCAC Coalition.
  - k) Hold seminars, round-tables, trainings, meetings, discussions, award ceremonies, implement other activities towards the development of the anti-corruption sphere.

## **3. COALITION MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS**

- 3.1. Coalition is open for membership by the civil society organizations, including social movements and initiatives which accede to the Coalition Declaration and adopt this Bylaw.
- 3.2. The order for Coalition Membership is set by the Conference of the Coalition members.
- 3.3. Coalition members are entitled to:
  - Take part in the Coalition governance through its representatives,
  - Present suggestions, comments, practical projects on the activities of the Coalition,
  - Initiate projects towards the development of the Coalition,
  - Withdraw from membership in an unrestricted manner.
- 3.4. Coalition members have to:
  - Uphold and disseminate anti-corruption values,
  - Take part in the activities and events organized by the Coalition,
  - Contribute to the development of the Coalition,
  - Contribute through its activities to the raising of anti-corruption understanding and awareness of the society, the participation of the society in the fight against corruption and the protection of the rights of the victims of corruption.
- 3.5. Coalition members may in any time withdraw from the Coalition. A member can be removed from the Coalition in the cases and in the order defined by the Assembly of the Coalition Members.
- 3.6. Coalition members do not bear any responsibility for the obligations of the Coalition and other member-organizations, as well as the Coalition does not bear any responsibility for the obligations of its members.

#### **4. COALITION GOVERNANCE**

- 4.1. The supreme governing body of the Coalition is the Assembly of the member-organizations.
- 4.2. The Assembly organizes its activities in the form of sessions, which are convened if necessary, but not less than twice in a year.
- 4.3. The Assembly may convene sessions and make decisions if at least more than half of the Assembly members are present. Decisions are adopted by the 2/3 of votes of the participants present at the Assembly. The Assembly may discuss issues and make decisions also through communication means – in the form of oral or written requests of the members.
- 4.4. By the decision of the Assembly various bodies, working and regional committees and/or other bodies may be established.
- 4.5. Before the full formation of the organizational bodies and structures of the Coalition, the jurisdiction of the Coalition secretariat shall be, by this Bylaw, vested upon the Armenian Young Lawyers Association, which:
  - a) Ensures the normal process and transparency of the activities of the Coalition bodies,
  - b) Coordinates the organizational activities of the Coalition, including representing the Coalition in the relations with third parties, presenting to the authorized institutions and organizations on behalf of the Coalition the suggestions and other documents prepared by the Coalition,

- c) Coordinates the raising of the necessary funds for the organization of the activities of the Coalition.

## **5. RESOURCES OF THE COALITION**

- 5.1. The Coalition does not have a separate property.
- 5.2. The resources of the Coalition originate from the sources not prohibited by law.
- 5.3. The resources of the Coalition are involved, by the decision of the Coalition Assembly, through the member-organization(s) of the Coalition, and the involved resources shall be used merely on the implementation of the Coalition goals and objectives.

## **6. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**

- 6.1. The Coalition may end its existence by the decision of the Assembly, if 2/3 of the total number of Assembly members votes in favor.
- 6.2. The dissolution of the Coalition does not raise any responsibilities for the member-organizations.

### **Approved by**

*Founding Assembly of the members of the Anti-Corruption Coalition of the Civil Society Organizations*

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