

## Joint Statement

### *On the Establishment of the Government – Civil Society Anti-Corruption Working Platform and the Anti-Corruption Working Groups*

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The Republic of Armenia Ministry of Justice as a state authorized body in the anti-corruption sphere on the one side and the Civil Society represented by the CSOs' Anti-Corruption Coalition, its Coordinator of the Secretariat of the Coalition and its founding member the "Armenian Young Lawyers Association" Non Governmental Organization, and the founding member "Freedom of Information Center" Non Governmental Organization, as well as the civil society organizations, state and local government bodies, hereafter in the text the "Parties", which want to join to this Joint Statement,

- Considering cooperation between the Government and the civil society to be the key condition for success in the fight against corruption,
- Attaching importance to the need to establish dialogue between the Government and Civil Society in the fight against corruption,
- Highlighting the importance of proper implementation of the Republic of Armenia Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Implementation Action Plan for 2015-2018
- Stressing the importance of mutual consultation and developing common positions on the essential issues of the fight against corruption, with regard to the issues and actions provided by the Implementation Action Plan for 2015-2018,

### *The Parties declare about the establishment of the Government – Civil Society Anti-Corruption Working Platform.*

The Parties,

- Declare that the Working Platform (hereafter Working Platform) is a cooperation platform between the Parties for the discussion of issues aimed at the implementation of the Republic of Armenia Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Implementation Action Plan for 2015-2018, as well as a platform on the exchange of information.
- Declare that the Working Platform is open for Civil Society Organizations, State and Local Self Government Bodies, which can freely participate in its work,
- Declare that the Working Platform considers the issue of more active participation of civil society organizations in the Anti-Corruption Council; proper implementation of the Republic of Armenia Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Implementation Action Plan for 2015-2018, sectoral anti-corruption activities; topical issues in the area of fight against corruption, and other problems,

- Define that the meetings of the Working Platform are held as and when necessary, but no less than once in every two months,
- Agree on the establishment of 2 Government-Civil Society working groups: on Criminalization of Illicit Enrichment in Armenia and on effective institutional system for the fight against corruption,
- Agree that the RA Ministry of Justice and the CSOs' Anti-Corruption Coalition organize the activities of the Working Platform and the Working Groups as coordinators of the activities of the Working Platform and the Working Groups.

Initiating organizations of the Government – Civil Society Anti-Corruption Working Platform:

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