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The First Meeting of the Government-Civil Society Anti-Corruption Working Group

On September 23, 2015, at 10:00, the RA Ministry of Justice, the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO and its partner “Freedom of Information Center of Armenia” NGO are organizing the first meeting of the Government-Civil Society anti-corruption working group in Picasso Hall of Best Western Congress Hotel (address: 1 Italy St, Yerevan) in the framework of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project co-funded by the EU and the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

Representatives of the Delegation of the European Union to Armenia and the OSCE Office in Yerevan, international organizations, RA Government and other state and local government bodies, CSOs Anti-Corruption Coalition, NGOs and Mass Media will participate in the meeting.

Welcoming speeches will be given by the representatives of EU Delegation to Armenia and OSCE Yerevan Office, RA Deputy Minister of Justice Mr. Suren Krmoyan, and the President of the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO, “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project Manager, Coordinator of the Secretariat of CSOs Anti-Corruption Coalition Mr. Karen Zadoyan. The programme of the events of the 2015-2018 RA Anti-Corruption Strategy will be presented and discussed at the meeting, as well as the main goal of establishing the Government-Civil Society Anti-Corruption Working Platform and further activities. A joint statement on the establishment of the Government-Civil Society Anti-Corruption Working Group will be signed at the end of the meeting. The challenges and vision of criminalization of illicit enrichment and the challenges and ways of creating an effective institutional system for fighting against corruption will also be discussed at the working meeting.

The main goal of the project is to increase the role of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) in the promotion and implementation of anti-corruption reforms. Monitoring skills of CSOs and Mass Media will be enhanced in the framework of the project. Anti-corruption trainings will be organized for CSOs and Mass Media in the RA regions in order to help them perceive the problems of corruption and freedom of information much better. The goal of these events is to increase the present opportunities of anti-corruption activities. Small grants will be provided for increasing the efficiency of public control and the implementation of monitoring, control, and investigative projects. A sustained CSO-Government dialogue will be developed with the participation of CSOs in order to strengthen anti-corruption institutional mechanisms.

The EU-funded project is implemented by the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO in partnership with the “Freedom of Information Center” NGO. The duration of the project is 3 years (January 2014-December 2016). The budget of the project is 650.000 EUR, 585.000 EUR of which were provided by the EU. The investment of the OSCE Office in Yerevan totals 15.600 EUR.

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) has been operating for 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 civil society's involvement in the governance system.

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