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Annual Award Ceremony on the Occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day

On 9 December 2015, the “Armenia Young Lawyers Association” NGO and CSOs’ Anti-Corruption Coalition will organize the Annual Anti-Corruption Award Ceremony in the Framework of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project implemented with the funding of the European Union and co-funding of the OSCE Yerevan Office.

Anti-Corruption awards will be presented in the following nominations: **“Young Citizen of the Year”, “Citizen of the Year”, “Mass Media of the Year”, “Business Organization and Journalist of the Year”, “CSO of the Year”.**

Mr Suren Krmoyan, RA Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr. Andrey Sorokin, Ambassador, the Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan, Mr. Jose Maria Navarro Medina, Deputy Head of the Cooperation Section at the Delegation of European Union to Armenia, Ms. Judith Margaret Farnworth, Ambassador of the UK to RA, Mr. Rainer Wilke, 1st Secretary of the German Embassy to RA, Mr. Karen Zadoyan, AYLEA President, “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project Manager, Coordinator of the Secretariat of CSOs’ Anti-Corruption Coalition will give welcoming speeches and hand the awards.

Representatives of international organizations and state authorities, civil society and Mass Media representatives from Yerevan and the RA regions will participate in the event.

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.

The project is co-funded by the European Union and the OSCE Office in Yerevan, and is implemented by the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO – Applicant and “Freedom of Information Center” NGO – Partner. The project duration is 3 years (January 2014 – December 2016) and the budget is 650.000 EUR, of which 585.000 EUR contributed by the EU and 15.600 EUR contributed by the OSCE Yerevan Office.

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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