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Workshop of Government – Civil Society Anti-Corruption Working Group **Theme: the liability for illicit enrichment**

On December 8, 2015, the workshop of the Government–Civil Society anti-corruption working group, which titled “The liability for illicit enrichment”, took place. The workshop was organized by the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO and its partners “Freedom of Information Center of Armenia” NGO and the RA Ministry of Justice in the framework of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project funded by the EU and co-funded by the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

Representatives of the Delegation of the European Union to Armenia, OSCE Yerevan office, other international organizations, RA Government and other state and local government bodies, CSOs’ Anti-Corruption Coalition, NGOs and Mass Media participated in the workshop.

The workshop began with welcoming remarks of the Head of the Legislative Development and Legal Analysis Department of the Ministry of Justice Mr. Bagrat Ghazinyan, the President of the Armenian Young Lawyers` Association, Coordinator of the Secretariat of CSOs’ Anti-Corruption Coalition, “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project Manager Mr. Karen Zadoyan and the President of the Freedom of Information Center, Deputy Manager of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project Ms. Liana Doydoyan. Mr. Carl Ulbricht, the International Expert of “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project introduced the challenges and vision of criminalization of illicit enrichment in Armenia, the provision on illicit enrichment in the draft of the RA new Criminal Code, and Mr. Gevorg Hayrapetyan, the coordinator of CSO–Government dialogue of “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project, introduced theme “The liability for illegal enrichment and assets and income declarations. Examples of declarations”, needs for criminalization of illicit enrichment in Armenia and problems of illicit enrichment were discussed.

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.

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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