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ArmComedy Cultural NGO Program Report on "Satiric Oversight of Anticorruption Plan" Project

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Within the framework of the project ArmComedy produced a series of articles aimed at encouraging anticorruption activities and their oversight.

Within the mentioned timeframe ArmComedy published on its website /www.armcomedy.com) 20 articles. See the references below:

- 1. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/05/07/anticorruption/
- 2. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/07/22/4s-is-back/
- 3. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/07/17/erebuni/
- 4. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/07/10/corruption-10/
- 5. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/07/10/divorce/
- 6. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/07/08/corruption-9/
- 7. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/06/28/corruption-8/
- 8. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/06/21/saakashvili-2/
- 9. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/06/20/corruption-7/
- 10. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/06/16/corruption-6/
- 11. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/06/13/qyassibfm/
- 12. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/06/06/corruption-5/
- 13. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/06/05/fifa/
- 14. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/05/31/rise/
- 15. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/05/31/penis/
- 16. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/05/26/corruption_problems/
- 17. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/05/23/artashat/
- 18. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/05/22/corruption-4/
- 19. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/05/13/corruption-3/
- 20. http://www.armcomedy.com/2015/05/12/karmir/

Within the framework of the project, the National anticorruption body and its activities have been comprehensively scrutinized, as well as relevant agencies' activities in this area. In this regards, key events and decisions have been analyzed that were under the authority a. Anticorruption Council, b. high-rank Officials' Ethics Commission, c. Justice Ministry and other members of the Council.

The program implementation greatly benefited from journalistic investigations made and published by www.iravaban.net portal. In addition, ArmComedy kept a close eye on RA government official website (www.gov.am) and the Ethics Commission website.

The project has revealed cases that negatively affect the fight against corruption efforts, such as superficial involvement of NGO on the Anticorruption Council; dubious expenditures by the government on travels; topical themes of electricity price rise events -1, 2 and the issues of suspicious incomes of high rank officials that were expected to be tackled by the Ethics Commission:

The articles have been disseminated both though our website and our 60.000-fan-strong facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/armcomedy).

During the project the website was visited by over 130 thousand times and all the publications were widely disseminated through the social media.

In addition to the mentioned publications, ArmComedy also used that material in the televised version of ArmComedy. Being a TV program on <u>ATV</u> ArmComedy stands as the only political satire program in Armenia. ArmComedy airs three times a week and has a national coverage. Thus the materials produced through the project were broadcast also on national level. All the program episodes were also posted in ArmComedy's <u>youtube</u> channel.

Attached to this report comes the chart of website visitors during the implementation of this project.

ArmComedy's goals in regards to this project have been achieved and we intend to continue to cover topics pertinent to anticorruption also beyond the project.