



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Yerevan

12 July, 2016

The CSO Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia (hereafter: Coalition), represented by Karen Zadoyan, the Coordinator of the Coalition's Secretariat, and the Bright Armenia Party, represented by Edmon Marukyan, the Chairman of the Board of the Party, hereafter in the text "the Parties":

- *Identifying corruption as a serious threat to the Republic of Armenia,*
- *Attaching importance to the formation of cooperation between the civil society and political parties in the field of fight against corruption,*
- *Taking into account the necessity of mutual counsel and a united stance over important problems and mechanisms of the fight against corruption,*

The parties signed this present Memorandum of Cooperation (hereafter: Memorandum) on the following:

1. Memorandum Goals

- 1.1. The parties unite their efforts for the purpose of realising the following goals:
- Contribute to the reduction of political and administrative corruption,
 - Assist in the development of an efficient public administration system and in the dissemination of the principles of transparency, accountability and integrity in the Republic of Armenia,
 - Raise the level of anti-corruption perception and awareness in the society,
 - Contribute to the identification of legislation containing corruption risks and the implementation of anti-corruption reforms.

2. Main Cooperation Principles

2.1. This present Memorandum reserves the following principles of cooperation for the Parties:

- The cooperation between the Parties is based on the provisions of this present Memorandum,
- During cooperation the Parties are guided by the principles of democracy, joint liability, cooperation, transparency and accountability.

3. Memorandum Directions

3.1. The Parties agree to:

- Join together their efforts and potential towards the reduction of political and administrative corruption, as well as the development of an efficient public administration system and the dissemination of the principles of transparency, accountability and integrity in the Republic of Armenia, aiming towards the introduction of such efficient anti-corruption mechanisms as:
 - The independent specialised universal anti-corruption body,
 - Criminalisation of illicit enrichment,
 - Encouragement of whistleblowers and protection of their rights,
 - Declaration of conflicts of interest and expenditures made by high-ranking officials, the enlargement of the scope of their interrelated persons and the limitation of the cash transactions made by them,
 - Operation of anti-corruption centres,
 - Introduction and application of other mechanisms.
- Develop and introduce a state anti-corruption education programme in the Republic of Armenia;
- Protect the rights of citizens who suffer from corruption,
- Periodically identify the corruption risks in the RA legislation and implement procedural and systemic anti-corruption reforms.

4. FINAL PROVISIONS

4.1. The cooperation set out in this present Memorandum is systematised and controlled by the Parties' authorised representatives.

4.2. This present Memorandum is composed of two pages, in the Armenian language, and has two copies of equal legal force.

4.3. This present Memorandum enters into force from the moment of signing and is valid indefinitely. Amendments to the Memorandum are made in written form.

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