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“Corruption Risks in the Business Sector of Armenia: Recorded Problems and Upcoming Activities” Working Meeting

On 28-29 May, 2016 the Armenian Lawyers’ Association, in cooperation with the RA Ministry of Justice, the CSO Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia and the Freedom of Information Center, is organising an anti-corruption working meeting entitled ***“Corruption Risks in the Business Sector of Armenia: Recorded Problems and Upcoming Activities”***.

The working meeting is organised along the same lines of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project funded by the EU and co-funded by OSCE. The event is co-funded by the “Arthurs Aghveran Resort” Hotel Complex. Representatives of state bodies, business organisations and associations, international organisations, civil society organisations and diplomatic missions have been invited to attend.

RA Deputy Minister of Justice Mr. Suren Krmoyan, Ms. Naira Gyulnazaryan, the Coordinator of Anti-Corruption Projects at the OSCE Office in Yerevan, Mr. Karen Azaryan, the Trade Officer at the EU Delegation to Armenia, Mr. Karen Zadoyan, the President of the Armenian Lawyers’ Association (ALA), the Coordinator of the Secretariat of the CSO Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia, and Ms. Siranuysh Kaytsakyan, the Director of the “Arthurs Aghveran Resort” Hotel Complex, will give welcoming speeches at the working meeting. The speeches will be followed by thematic presentations on anti-corruption activities in the business sector and effective cooperation in the scope of these activities.

This working meeting is the continuation of a previous one entitled ***“The Business Sector in Armenia: Corruption Risks and Integrity Issues”*** which was organised in Aghveran on 10-11 December, 2015 in cooperation with the RA Ministry of Justice. The process of solving the problems and implementing the reforms raised and discussed at the previous event will be discussed and the priority list of anti-corruption activities to be carried out in the business sector will be outlined at this event.

The project aims to increase the role of the Civil Society Organisations (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 organised 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 funded by the European Union and co-funded by the OSCE Office in Yerevan. It is implemented by the “Armenian 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 was contributed by the EU and 31,117 EUR was contributed by the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

Armenian Lawyers’ Association (ALA) 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 where their rights are protected. Before February 2016, ALA was called Armenian Young Lawyers Association.

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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