

PROTOCOL No 2

**OF THE SITTING OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COUNCIL HELD AT 16:00  
ON 28 DECEMBER 2015, PRESIDED BY HOVIK ABRAHAMYAN,  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA,  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COUNCIL**

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**city of Yerevan**

**With the participation of:**

**Members of the Council**

H. Abrahamyan	Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia
D. Harutyunyan	Minister-Chief of Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
G. Khachatryan	Minister of Finance of the Republic of Armenia
A. Hovhannisyan	Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia
S. Sahakyan	Chairperson of the Commission on Ethics of High-Ranking Officials of Armenia
V. Manukyan	President of the Public Council
M. Melkumyan	Representative of "Prosperous Armenia" [Bargavach Hayastan] faction
E. Yeritsyan	President of the Union of Communities of Armenia

## **Invitees**

A. Ashotyan	Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia
A. Sargsyan	Deputy Minister-Chief of Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
S. Krmoyan	Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia
A. Nazaryan	Deputy Minister of Defence of the Republic of Armenia
A. Badalyan	Deputy Minister of Urban Development of the Republic of Armenia
A. Karamyan	Deputy Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
G. Tadevosyan	Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication of the Republic of Armenia
Kh. Hakobyan	Deputy Minister of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia
K. Harutyunyan	Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia
Sh. Harutyunyan	Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
V. Poghosyan	Deputy Minister of Healthcare of the Republic of Armenia
T. Barseghyan	Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Armenia
S. Karayan	Deputy Minister of International Economic Integration and Reforms
S. Avetisyan	Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia

V. Yeghiazaryan	Deputy Head of the Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
A. Harutyunyan	Deputy Director of the National Security Service of the Republic of Armenia
Kh. Karayan	Deputy Chairperson of the State Committee of the Real Estate Cadastre adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
V. Nersisyan	Deputy Chairperson of the State Nuclear Safety Regulatory Committee adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
V. Gasparyan	Deputy Head of the State Property Management Department adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
A. Kirakosyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia
H. Hakobyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia
Sh. Avagyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
S. Muradyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia
K. Ghahramanyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia
F. Zakaryan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia

S. Hakobyan	Chief of Staff of the General Department of Civil Aviation adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
K. Asatryan	Head of the Anti-Corruption Programmes Monitoring Division of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
M. Tovmasyan	Expert of the Anti-Corruption Programmes Monitoring Division of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
M. Gyulumyan	Expert of the Anti-Corruption Programmes Monitoring Division of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
G. Sargsyan	Expert of the Anti-Corruption Programmes Monitoring Division of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
M. Galstyan	Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia
L. Esadze	Head of the Expert Group of the European Union
A. Movsisyan	USAID Project Manager in the Republic of Armenia
L. Doydoyan	Founder-President of the Freedom of Information Center
V. Hoktanyan	Executive Director of "Transparency International Anti-corruption Center" NGO
Kh. Harutyunyan	Expert of "Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center" NGO
A. Khachatryan	Project Manager at "Eurasia Partnership" Foundation
T. Abrahamyan	President of "Araza" Benevolent NGO

1. Summarisation of the results of execution of assignments given during the first sitting of the Anti-Corruption Council.

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(David Harutyunyan, Hovik Abrahamyan)

**Following the discussions, it was decided:**

to take into consideration the summarisation of the results and — by taking into account the fact that the Government of the Republic of Armenia has already approved the agreement — assign the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia to continue the effective co-operation with the USAID and sign the agreement in January 2016 by initiating the process of establishing an expert task force.

2. Submission of the elaborated draft Laws of the Republic of Armenia "On making supplements to the Code of the Republic of Armenia on Administrative offences" and "On making a supplement to the Law of the Republic of Armenia 'On public service'".

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(Arpine Hovhannisyan, Hovik Abrahamyan)

**Following the discussions, it was decided:**

- (1) to approve the package of draft laws;
- (2) to assign the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia to finalise the elaborated draft laws of the Republic of Armenia "On making supplements to the Code of the Republic of Armenia on Administrative offences" and "On making a supplement to the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On public service"", to circulate them in the prescribed manner and submit to the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

3. Introduction of the programme "Strengthening integrity and combating corruption in higher education in Armenia" implemented in the education sector.

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(Armen Ashotyan, Hovik Abrahamyan)

**Following the discussions, it was decided:**

(1) to approve the presented report, attaching importance to the issue of mitigating corruption risks in education sector;

(2) to assign the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia to complete the risk assessment within a period of two months, to discuss with the interested parties and to submit the programme for fighting against corruption in the education sector of the Republic of Armenia with relevant measures to the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

4. Introduction of the co-operation with non-governmental organisations and international organisations in the fight against corruption.

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(Arpine Hovhannisyan, Hovik Abrahamyan)

**Following the discussions, it was decided:**

(1) to take into consideration the report of Arpine Hovhannisyan, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, to the effect that effective co-operation is established with various non-governmental organisations and international organisations within the framework of the fight against corruption.

(2) to assign the Minister-Chief of Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia to continue the co-operation with non-governmental and international organisations;

(3) to suggest that international and non-governmental organisations inform the Staff of Government of the Republic of Armenia of all anti-corruption programmes, as well as of the results recorded following the completion thereof for the purpose of fighting against corruption more effectively and ruling out the possibility of refinancing the same project; discuss them with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia and other interested state agencies prior to the implementation of those projects and inform the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia of the results.

5. Summarisation of the results of the fulfilment of international commitments assumed by the Republic of Armenia in the fight against corruption during 2015.

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(Suren Krmoyan, Hovik Abrahamyan)

**Following the discussions, it was decided:**

(1) to take into consideration the presented report, to emphasise once again that the fulfilment of international commitments in the fight against corruption is very important for Armenia.

(2) to assign all the heads of REBs to undertake necessary measures in this area aimed at steadfast fulfilment of international commitments of the Republic of Armenia.

6. Presentation of the report titled "Private sector and fight against corruption".

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(Khachik Harutyunyan, Hovik Abrahamyan)

**Following the discussions, it was decided:**

- (1) to take into consideration the presented report;
- (2) to assign the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia, the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, the "National Centre for Legislative Regulation" Project Implementation Unit of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia to continue submitting recommendations on simplification of administration;
- (3) to attach importance to the implementation of risk assessment in the area of state revenue collection and that of necessary measures resulting from that assessment within the shortest time possible.

7. Presentation of a report on effective, transparent and participatory governance system at marz and community levels.

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(Vache Terteryan, Hovik Abrahamyan)

**Following the discussions, it was decided:**

- (1) to take into consideration the report of Vache Terteryan, First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia, with regard to the establishment of an effective, transparent and participatory governance



system at marz and community levels; attach importance to the introduction of tools of e-democracy, as well as active co-operation of civil society organisations; suggest that non-governmental organisations actively co-operate in the fight against corruption at marz and community levels;

(2) to assign the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia to study the international experience and, if possible, enlarge the set of such tools by increasing the number of communities wherein those tools are applied.

PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
ARMENIA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL

HOVIK ABRAHAMYAN

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Monitoring Division of the Staff of the  
Government of the Republic of Armenia,  
Responsible of the Secretariat of the Council

Kamo Asatryan