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Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Armenia
European Union Advisory Group to the Republic of Armenia

Electoral Standards Symposium
“Armenia’s Proposed Electoral Code and
an International Perspective”

Yerevan, Armenia
22-23 November 2010

AGENDA



Հայաստանի Հանրապետության
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Office in Yerevan



Electoral Legislation Symposium

Armenia's Proposed Electoral Code and an International Perspective

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Erebuni Plaza, Erebuni Hall

Organized by:

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission - Armenia
International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) - Representative Office in Yerevan
Council of Europe Office in Armenia
Delegation of the European Union to Armenia
National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Armenia

Objectives:

- Review Armenia's Proposed New Electoral Code; and,
- Provide International Perspective on Armenian Electoral Practices

Monday, November 22nd

9:30-10:00 Registration of Participants and Guests

10:00-10:30 Opening Remarks

Hovik Abrahamyan, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
Marie L. Yovanovitch, U.S. Ambassador to Armenia
Sergey Kapinos, Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan
Raul de Luzenberger, Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia
Silvia Zehe, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Armenia

10:30-10:40 Electoral Code Legislative Summary

Davit Harutyunyan, Chairman of the Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs of the National Assembly of the RA

10:40-11:10 Coffee/Tea Break

- 11:10-11:30 Election Management – An International Perspective**
Cameron Quinn, IFES Election Adviser and Attorney and Gaël Martin-Micallef, Venice Commission, Elections Project Manager
- 11:30-13:00 Discussion on Election Management** (Moderated by Aghassi Yesayan, IFES-Armenia)
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch**
- 14:30-14:50 Political Finance, Campaigning and Use of Administrative Resources – An International Perspective**
Magnus Ohman, IFES Senior Political Finance Adviser and Barbara Jouan, Venice Commission, Election Expert
- 14:50-16:10 Discussion on Political Finance, Campaigning and Use of Administrative Resources** (Moderated by Alex Sardar, Counterpart International Armenia)
- 16:10-16:30 Coffee/Tea Break**

Tuesday, November 23rd

- 9:30-10:00 Registration of Participants and Guests**
- 10:00-10:20 Electoral Disputes and Adjudication – An International Perspective**
Jack Young, IFES Election Attorney and Recount Expert and Marianna Skopa, Venice Commission, Election Expert
- 10:20-11:00 Discussion on Electoral Disputes and Adjudication** (Moderated by Aghassi Yesayan, IFES-Armenia)
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee/Tea Break**
- 11:30-12:00 Discussion on Electoral Disputes and Adjudication** (Continued)
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch**
- 13:30-13:50 Election Fraud Prevention – An International Perspective**
Nicola Schmidt, Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Electoral Consultant, Cameron Quinn, IFES Election Adviser and Attorney and Vadim Zhdanovich, Venice Commission, Election Expert
- 13:50-15:10 Discussion on Election Fraud Prevention** (Moderated by Alex Sardar, Counterpart International Armenia)
- 15:10-15:40 Coffee/Tea Break**
- 15:40-16:30 Closing Discussion and Remarks**
Davit Harutyunyan, Chairman of the Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs of the National Assembly of the RA
OSCE/ODIHR Expert
Venice Commission Expert
Michael Getto – Chief of Party, IFES-Armenia

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