

PROTOCOL No
OF THE SITTING OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COUNCIL HELD
ON 17 FEBRUARY 2017, AT 12:00

city of Yerevan

With the participation of:

Members of the Council:

K. Karapetyan	Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, Chairperson of the Council
V. Gabrielyan	Vice Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, Minister of International Economic Integration and Reforms of the Republic of Armenia
D. Harutyunyan	Minister-Chief of Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
A. Hovhannisyan	Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia
V. Aramyan	Minister of Finance of the Republic of Armenia
S. Karayan	Minister of Economic Development and Investments of the Republic of Armenia
A. Tatoyan	Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia
S. Sahakyan	Chairperson of the Commission on Ethics of High-Ranking Officials
H. Aslanyan	Deputy Prosecutor General of the Republic of Armenia

V. Manukyan President of the Public Council of
the Republic of Armenia (upon consent)

K. Zadoyan Representative of the Anti-Corruption Coalition of
Civil Society Organisations of Armenia, "Armenian
Lawyers' Association" NGO

Invitees:

A. Shaboyan Chairperson of the State Commission for
the Protection of Economic Competition of
the Republic of Armenia

A. Khudaverdyan Deputy Chairperson of the Commission on Ethics of
High-Ranking Officials

V. Terteryan First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and
Development of the Republic of Armenia

K. Areyan First Deputy Mayor of Yerevan

A. Sargsyan Deputy Minister-Chief of Staff of the Government of
the Republic of Armenia

A. Nazaryan Deputy Minister of Defence 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

K. Tamazyan	Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Armenia
S. Khachatryan	Deputy Minister of Healthcare of the Republic of Armenia
T. Khachatryan	Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Investments of the Republic of Armenia
M. Ghambaryan	Deputy Minister of International Economic Integration and Reforms of the Republic of Armenia
A. Khachatryan	Deputy Minister of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies
H. Hakobyan	Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia
S. Vasilyan	Deputy Chairperson of the Civil Service Council of the Republic of Armenia
V. Nersesyan	Deputy Chairperson of the State Nuclear Safety Regulatory Committee adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
A. Harutyunyan	Deputy Director of the National Security Service adjunct to the Government 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

V. Gasparyan	Deputy Head of the State Property Management Department adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
N. Grigoryan	Deputy Chairperson of the State Committee of the Real Estate Cadastre adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
A. Sakapetoyan	Deputy Chairperson of the State Revenue Committee adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
S. Muradyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia
A. Kirakosyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia
F. Zakaryan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia
Sh. Avakian	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
A. Manukyan	Acting Chief of Staff of the General Department of Civil Aviation adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
K. Asatryan	Head of Anti-Corruption Programmes Monitoring Division of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
K. Ghahramanyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia

T. Torosyan	Head of Department of Youth Policy of the Staff of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
M. Galstyan	Head of Division for Developing Anti-Corruption Policy of the Department for Anti-Corruption and Penitentiary Policy of the Staff of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia
Z. Arakelyan	Head of Legal Department of Yerevan Municipality
A. Khachatryan	Head of Legal Department of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia
H. Hovhannisyan	Chairperson of the Commission on Civil Society Development of the Public Council
A. Ghazaryan	Head of Legal Department of the Staff of the Ministry of International Economic Integration and Reforms of the Republic of Armenia
Ts. Soghomonyan	Deputy Head of the Financial-Economic Department of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
N. Lapauri	Representative of the Communities Association
M. Tovmasyan	Leading specialist of the Anti-Corruption Programmes Monitoring Division of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
A. Grigoryan	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
L. Khachatryan	Expert of the Anti-Corruption Programmes Monitoring Division of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
M. Atovmyan	Expert of the Expert Task Force adjunct to the Anti-Corruption Council
A. Margaryan	Expert of the Expert Task Force adjunct to the Anti-Corruption Council
S. Avagyan	Expert of the Expert Task Force adjunct to the Anti-Corruption Council
S. Soghomonyan	Expert of the Expert Task Force adjunct to the Anti- Corruption Council
A. Chakhalyan	Representative of "Armenian Lawyers' Association" NGO
C. Ulbricht	Representative of "Armenian Lawyers' Association" NGO
A. Saribekyan	Representative of "Armenian Lawyers' Association" NGO
M. Zadoyan	Representative of "Armenian Lawyers' Association" NGO
D. Amiryan	Open Society Foundations–Armenia
H. Tigranyan	Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center

V. Hoktanyan	Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center
V. Matevosyan	Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center
H. Avagyan	Representative of SME Cooperation Association
S. Grigoryan	Vice President of SME Cooperation Association
A. Manukyan	Member of the Board of SME Cooperation Association
L. Doydoyan	Representative of the Freedom of Information Center
M. Ananyan	Representative of "Procurement Support Center" SNCO
D. Melikyan	World Bank representative
L. Amirbekyan	Council of Europe representative
C. Steiner	EU representative
A. Khachatryan	USAID representative
D. Grieser	USAID representative

1. Corruption risks in the tax and customs sectors of the Republic of Armenia

(Karen Zadoyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided:

(1) to propose that representative of the Anti-Corruption Coalition of Civil Society Organisations of Armenia Karen Zadoyan bring examples of international practice while presenting researches into identification of corruption risks to be presented;

(2) to assign Head of the State Revenue Committee adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia Vardan Harutyunyan:

a. to examine, jointly with Minister of Finance of the Republic of Armenia Vardan Aramyan, corruption risks and recommendations presented with regard to tax and customs sectors and present recommendations at the next sitting of the Anti-Corruption Council;

b. to present, at the next sitting of the Anti-Corruption Council, the problems and actions that are not included in the report presented.

2. Corruption risks in the state procurement sector of the Republic of Armenia

(Karen Zadoyan, Karen Tamazyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided: to assign Minister of Finance of the Republic of Armenia Vardan Aramyan to examine the problems that have been raised in relation to electronic procurement system, taking into account, during

the examination of the issue, not only the recommendations presented in the report, but also those presented by the Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center and submit a report at the next sitting of the Anti-Corruption Council.

3. Corruption risks in the sector of free economic competition and monopoly in the Republic of Armenia

(Karen Zadoyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided: to propose that Chairperson of the State Commission for the Protection of Economic Competition of the Republic of Armenia Artak Shaboyan discuss, jointly with Minister of Economic Development and Investments of the Republic of Armenia Suren Karayan and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Armenia Vardan Aramyan, recommendations presented with regard to corruption risks in the sector of free economic competition and monopoly and present, at the next sitting of the Anti-Corruption Council, recommendations on the report, as well as on the necessity to develop legal acts.

4. Discussing the problem of corrupt practices in the funeral sector

(Karen Zadoyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided:

(1) to assign Minister of Territorial Administration and Development of the Republic of Armenia Davit Lokyan to examine, jointly with Head of Control Service of the Prime

Minister of the Republic of Armenia Sargis Grigoryan, Mayor of Yerevan Taron Margaryan and Representative of the Anti-Corruption Coalition of Civil Society Organisations of Armenia Karen Zadoyan, corruption risks in the funeral sector and, taking into account the findings of the study carried out by the Control Chamber of the Republic of Armenia, jointly present clear-cut recommendations on the solution of the problem;

(2) to assign Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia Artem Asatryan to discuss and analyse, within one-month period, jointly with stakeholders, the corruption risks existing in the processes of providing "funeral benefits" and present, at the next sitting of the Anti-Corruption Council, recommendations on the reduction thereof.

PRIME MINISTER

OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

KAREN KARAPETYAN

HEAD OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION
PROGRAMMES MONITORING DIVISION
OF THE STAFF OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

KAMO ASATRYAN