

PROTOCOL No
OF THE SITTING OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COUNCIL HELD
ON 21 JANUARY 2017, AT 10:30

city of Yerevan

With the participation of:

**Members of the
Council:**

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| K. Karapetyan | Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia,
Chairperson of the Council |
| 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 |
| V. Manukyan | President of the Public Council of the Republic of
Armenia (upon consent) |
| E. Yeritsyan | President of the Union of Legal Persons "Union of
Communities of Armenia" (upon consent) |

Invitees:

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| A. Khudaverdyan | Deputy Chairperson of the Commission on Ethics of
High-Ranking Officials |
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V. Terteryan	First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Development of the Republic of Armenia
A. Nazaryan	Deputy Minister of Defence 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
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
B. Demirkhanyan	Deputy Minister of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies

H. Aslanyan	Deputy Prosecutor General of the Republic of Armenia
S. Vasilyan	Deputy Chairperson of the Civil Service Council of the Republic of Armenia
A. Badalyan	Deputy Chairperson of the State Urban Development Committee adjunct to the Government 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
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
A. Harutyunyan	Deputy Director of the National Security Service 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. Kirakosyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia
S. Muradyan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia

F. Zakaryan	Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Diaspora 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
E. Shakhkyan	Deputy 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
K. Hakobyan	Head of Department for Anti-Corruption and Penitentiary Policy of the Staff of the Ministry of Justice 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
A. Mnatsakanyan	Head of Legal Department of the Staff of the State Revenue Committee adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia
A. Babayan	Head of Department for Business Environment Improvement of the Staff of the Ministry of Economic Development and Investments of the Republic of Armenia

A. Ghazaryan	Head of Legal Department of the Staff of the Ministry of International Economic Integration and Reforms of the Republic of Armenia
A. Petrosyan	Head of Internal Audit Division of the Staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
Ts. Soghomonyan	Deputy Head of the Financial and Economic Department of the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
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
H. Hovhannisyan	Chairperson of the Committee on Civil Society Development of the Public Council
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
L. Minasyan	Open Society Foundations-Armenia

L. Nazaryan	Open Society Foundations-Armenia
D. Amiryán	Open Society Foundations-Armenia
S. Ayvazyan	Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center
H. Tigranyan	Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center
L. Ghantaghchyan	Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center
Kh. Harutyunyan	Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center
V. Matevosyan	Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center
D. Melikyan	World Bank representative
T. Hovsepyan	EU representative
A. Khachatryan	USAID representative
D. Grieser	USAID representative
K. Zadoyan	Representative of "Armenian Lawyers' Association" NGO
M. Zadoyan	Representative of "Armenian Lawyers' Association" NGO
C. Ulbricht	Representative of "Armenian Lawyers' Association" NGO

1. Introducing the problem of overcoming administrative corruption in the field of provision of public services

(Karen Zadoyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided: to assign Minister-Chief of Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia Davit Harutyunyan to discuss — with the participation of stakeholders — the project of operation of anti-corruption centres in the Republic of Armenia within the framework of the problem of overcoming administrative corruption in the field of provision of public services, the issue of possibility to introduce the problem of overcoming administrative corruption in the field of provision of public services at the expense of the means of the Reserve Fund of the Government of the Republic of Armenia and of donor organisations, and report on the results to Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia Karen Karapetyan.

2. Introducing the issue related to the reduction of corruption risks, protection of rights of persons (whistle-blowers) providing information on corruption crimes

(Karen Zadoyan, Arpine Hovhannisyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided: to assign Minister-Chief of Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia Davit Harutyunyan to undertake steps, jointly with Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Arpine Hovhannisyan, aimed at introduction of mechanisms for the reduction of corruption risks, protection of persons (whistle-blowers) providing information on corruption crimes, technical support for online anonymous whistle-blowing platform and as soon as possible submit

to the Government of the Republic of Armenia the draft Law of the Republic of Armenia "On the protection of whistle-blowers".

3. Introducing the problems concerning the conflict of interests and declaration of property and income in the field of public services

(Sona Ayvazyan, Arpine Hovhannisyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided: to assign Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Arpine Hovhannisyan to develop and submit to the Government of the Republic of Armenia a legislative package on the regulation of conflicts of interests among public servants and on the extension of the list of officials submitting a declaration.

4. Systemic anti-corruption reforms recommended for the business sector of the Republic of Armenia

(Karen Zadoyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided: to assign Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Arpine Hovhannisyan to discuss, within a two-month period, jointly with Minister of Economic Development and Investments of the Republic of Armenia Suren Karayan and the representatives of the private sector, the recommendations on the systemic anti-corruption reforms recommended for the business sector of the Republic of Armenia, including the idea of introducing the institution of business mediator, and submit relevant recommendations.

5. Introducing the results of the research "Strengthening integrity and fighting corruption in education: Armenia"

(Larisa Minasyan, Karine Harutyunyan, Karen Karapetyan)

Following the discussions, it was decided: to assign Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia Levon Mkrtchyan to discuss, within a two-month period, jointly with the organisation "Open Society Foundations-Armenia", the report "Strengthening integrity and fighting corruption in education: Armenia", where necessary, also involve other stakeholders and submit recommendations.

PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC
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KAMO ASATRYAN