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

Yerevan, Armenia
22-23 November 2010

AGENDA
Electoral Legislation Symposium

Armenia’s Proposed Electoral Code and an International Perspective

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Erebuni Plaza, Erebuni Hall

Organized by:

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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 22

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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