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**Electoral Developments in Armenia:
Lessons Learned and Steps Ahead**

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*Venue: "Armenia" ballroom
Radisson blu hotel
2/2 Azatutyan Ave., Yerevan, Armenia*

Agenda

9.30 – 10.00 **Registration of participants, welcome coffee**

10.00 – 10.30 **Welcome and opening remarks**

- Ms Natalia Voutova, Head of Council of Europe Office in Yerevan
- H.E. Mr Piotr Antoni Świtalski, Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Armenia
- Mr Tigran Mukuchyan, Chairman, RA Central Electoral Commission
- Ms Cornelia Perle, Programme Adviser, Division of Electoral Assistance, Council of Europe

10.30 – 11.30 **First plenary session: 2016 Local Elections in Armenia: Old Electoral Code in Action**

Moderation by: Ms Anahit Khachatryan, Head of Department of Social Affairs and Programmes, Municipality of Artashat town, Ararat region

- Mr Vahagn Petrosyan, Leading Specialist, RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development
- Mr Artak Petrosyan, Deputy President, Association of Municipal Councillors of Armenia
- Ms Gayane Meroyan, Coordinator, Armenian Association of Women with University Education
- Mr Artur Sakunts, Chairman, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly-Vanadzor

Discussion

11.30 – 12.30 **Second plenary session: 2017 Parliamentary Elections in Armenia: New Rules, New Voting, New Powers**

Moderation by: Ms Tamara Hovnatanyan, President, ProMedia-Gender NGO

- Mr Artyom Mesropyan, Leading Specialist, Agency for Expert Examination of Legal Acts, RA Ministry of Justice
- Mr Tigran Mukuchyan, Chairman, RA Central Electoral Commission
- Mr Tigran Hakobyan, Member, RA National Commission on Television and Radio

Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 14.30 **Third plenary session:** 2017 Parliamentary Elections in Armenia: New Electoral Code in Action

Moderation by: Ms Larisa Minasyan, Executive Director, Open Society Foundations-Armenia

- Mr Boris Navasardyan, President, Yerevan Press Club
- Ms Sona Ayvazyan, Executive Director, Transparency International Anticorruption Centre
- Ms Sara Petrosyan, Reporter, “Hetq” Investigative Journalists NGO
- Mr Edmon Marukyan, Member of the RA National Assembly

Discussion

14.30 – 15.30 **Fourth plenary session:** 2017 Yerevan City Council Elections: New Realities

Moderation by: Ms Vardine Grigoryan, Democracy Monitoring and Reporting Coordinator, Helsinki Citizens’ Assembly-Vanadzor

- Mr Daniel Ioannisyanyan, Founder and Programme Coordinator, Union of Informed Citizens
- Mr Armen Zakaryan, Director, Yerevan School of Political Studies

Discussion

15.30 – 15.45 **Closing remarks**

- Ms Loreta Vioiu, Deputy Head of Council of Europe Office in Yerevan
- Mr Armen Smbatyan, Secretary, RA Central Electoral Commission
- Ms Cornelia Perle, Programme Adviser, Division of Electoral Assistance, Council of Europe

15.45 – 16.00 **Coffee / End of the Conference**