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**CONGRESS MONITORING VISIT TO Armenia**  
**Yerevan, Ashtarak and Oshakan (26 - 28 November 2013)**

**PROGRAMME**

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The working languages, for which interpretation is provided during the visit, will be Armenian and English.

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**Arrival of the Congress Delegation: 25 November 2013**

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<sup>1</sup>L: Chamber of Local Authorities / R: Chamber of Regions  
SOC: Socialist Group  
ILDG: Independent Liberal and Democratic Group

**Tuesday, 26 November 2013, Yerevan**

**Armenian Delegation to the Congress and Communities Association of Armenia**

Mr Emin YERITSYAN, Head of the Armenian delegation to the Congress, President of the Association of Armenian Communities, Councilor of the Community of Parakar  
 Mrs Lusine AVETYAN, Head of the Community of Kharahunj, Syunik Region  
 Mrs Srбуhi HARUTYUNYAN, Head of Bazum Community  
 Mrs Alina HARUTYUNYAN, Head, Community of Nor-Yerznka  
 Mrs Armine MANUKYAN, Head of Shrvenanc Community  
 Mr Vardan HOVHANNISYAN, Mayor of the City of Jermuk  
 Mr Arayik PETROSYAN, Head of Arbat Community

**Minister of Territorial Administration**

Mr Armen GEVORGYAN, Vice Prime Minister of Republic of Armenia, Minister of Territorial Administration

**Ministry of Finance**

Mr Pavel SAFARYAN, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance

**Control Chamber of Republic of Armenia**

Mr Ishkhan ZAKARYAN, Chairman of Republic of Armenia Control Chamber

**Local NGOs and Associations**

- **Communities Finance Officers Association**  
 Mr Vahan MOVSISYAN, Chairman  
 Mr David TUMANYAN, Deputy Chairman

**Local NGOs and Associations**

- **Association of Municipal Councilors of Armenia**  
 Mr Arayik HOVHANNISYAN, President (Member of the Parliament)  
 Mr Artak PETROSYAN, Vice-President
- **Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development (UFSD)**  
 Ms Armine TUKHIKYAN, Chairperson  
 Mr Armen VAROSYAN, Member of the Board of Trustees
- **Local Democracy Agencies (LDA) Armenia**  
 Mrs Lusine ALEKSANDRYAN, Director

**Wednesday, 27 November 2013, Yerevan**

**National Assembly of Republic of Armenia**

Mr Eduard SHARMAZANOV, Vice-President of the National Assembly

### **Parliamentary Committees of the National Assembly of Republic of Armenia)**

Mr Stepan MARGARYAN, Committee Chair on Territorial Management and Local Self-Government  
 Mr Gagik MINASYAN, Committee Chair on Financial-Credit and Budgetary Affairs  
 Ms Elinar VARDANYAN, Committee Chair on Protection of Human Rights and Public Affairs

### **Ministry of Justice**

Mr Grigor MURADYAN, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Justice of Republic of Armenia  
 and Alternate member to the Venice Commission

### **City Hall Yerevan and Council of Elders**

Mr Kamo AREYAN, First Deputy Mayor of Yerevan (RPA)  
 Mr Sergey MKRTCHYAN, Head RPA faction  
 Ms Tamara POGHOSYAN, Head PAP faction  
 Ms Anahit BAKHSHYAN, Barev Yerevan faction

### **Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia**

Mr Karen ANDREASYAN, Human Rights Defender

### **International Organizations active in the sphere of Local Government**

- **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**  
 Ms Bella MARKARIAN, Governance Sector Specialist, Democracy, Health and Social Reform Office, USAID/Armenia
- **Counterpart International (funded by USAID)**  
 Mr Carel HOFSTRA, Chief of Party
- **German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) Armenia Office**  
 Ms Dagmar BOTT, Country Director;  
 Ms Meri SARGSYAN, GIZ Adviser  
 Ms Hilke EBERT, Team Leader
- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Armenia**  
 Ms Alla BAKUNTS, Democratic Governance Portfolio Analyst
- **EU Delegation to Armenia**  
 Ms Monica PAPYAN, Project Manager

## **Thursday, 28 November 2013, Ashtarak and Oshakan**

- **City Hall of Ashtarak**  
 Mr Armen ANTONYAN, Mayor
- **City Hall of Oshakan**  
 Mr Aram NERSISYAN, Mayor of Oshakan

**Departure of the Congress Delegation: 29 November 2013**