

To: Ara Hovsepyan

Chief Executive Officer of
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Armenia SNCO

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Nerses Yeritsyan, Government of
Armenia's Authorized
Representative for the Millennium
Challenge Account Armenia
Program; RA Minister of Economy

Dear Mr. Hovsepyan,

On April 30, 2010 the meeting of the Election Committee (EC) for the MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee (SC) and the Governing Council (GC) elections was held at the MCA-Armenia office. Present at the meeting were Ester Hakobyan, MCA-Armenia's Coordination Officer, Victoria Grigoryan, the SC assistant, EC members Artak Saribekyan, Marianna Yeghiazaryan, Tigran Shahinyan, Vahagn Asryan, Hamazasp Danielyan, Mariam Osipyan, Amalya Balabekyan, Gayane Arsenyan, Khachatrur Barseghyan, Tatevik Avagyan, Lilit Qamalyan.

The agenda included such issues as election of the EC chairperson, election of the EC secretary, setting up the date of the next EC meeting. Candidacies of Vahagn Asryan and Artak Saribekyan were put forward for EC chairperson position. By a majority vote Artak Saribekyan was elected as the chairman of the Election Committee. Candidacies of Amalya Balabekyan, Gayane Arsenyan, and Marianna Yeghiazaryan were put forward for the position of the EC secretary. Gayane Arsenyan withdrew her candidacy. By a majority vote Marianna Yeghiazaryan was elected as EC secretary. Vahagn Asryan also proposed adding the position of deputy EC chairperson, which did not receive sufficient votes.

Following a general discussion 5 p.m. May 4 was fixed as the date for the next meeting, however the planned session did not happen of that date as Amalya Balabekyan did not show up at the meeting. Thus, in compliance to section 2.4 of the Election Procedure of MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee and the Governing Council Elections stipulating that "The sessions/meetings of the Election Committee are considered effective in case all the members are present", the formal session did not happen, instead there was a working meeting.

During the working meeting EC member Vahagn Asryan made a statement (which was presented in writing) declaring the following: "I, Vahagn Asryan, staying on as the Election Committee member, refuse to sign the minutes of the first EC meeting by than not accepting the legitimacy of the events that happened during the meeting. I also announce that in case justice is not restored, I will continue not to vote and not signing the minutes though attending the meeting, thus not ensuring a 100% participation. At the same time I state that all the EC members are free to sign this statement". EC member Tigran Shahinyan, EC member joint the statement and signed it. .

As the chairman and the secretary of the Election Committee for the MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee and Governing Council Elections we have examined the situation and we think that the action of our colleagues hindering the normal EC activities aim to create obstacles to the normal process of the election of the MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee and the Governing Council.

Based on the above presented we request that you, being responsible for the elections of the MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee and the Governing Council, take all necessary steps to ensure the normal course of EC activities.

Attached is the copy of V. Asryan's statement.

Sincerely,

Chairman of Election Committee: S. Saribekyan

Secretary of Election Committee: M. Yeghiazaryan

May 5, 2010.