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To: Mr. Artak Saribkyan, Chairperson of the Election Committee of MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee Elections and Ms. Marianna Yeghiazaryan, Secretary of the Election Committee of MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee Elections

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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. Saribekyan,
Dear Ms. Yeghiazaryan,

While sharing your concern about the situation at the Election Committee of the upcoming Stakeholder Committee elections, I would like to present MCA-Armenia's position on the issue in question and hope that it will help you overcome the existing obstacles. The Election Procedure of MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee and Governing Council Elections has defined wide authorities for the Election Committee (EC), to some extent reserving to the EC the function of representing the larger civil society. The Election Committee is a voluntary body and it is reasonable to expect that the individuals that have expressed a willingness to be involved in this body should fully participate in the EC activities. All the thirteen self-nominated candidates have been given the opportunity to become EC members and they all committed to undertake the functions of the EC members by signing an appropriate form. It is evident from the situation that evolved that some EC members are either unable or unwilling to duly exercise their responsibilities.

In these circumstances the Elections Committee has the authority to undertake any measures that will ensure the normal course of EC work as well the overall election process. I, as the Chief Executive Officer of the MCA-Armenia SNCO, assure you that the unimpeded implementation of this whole process is in the interest of the MCA-Armenia program.

Chief Executive Officer: Ara Hovsepyan