

Minutes No. 13

**of the Meeting of Governing Council of Millennium Challenge Account – Armenia
held on April 20, 2007, 15:00**

The session was chaired by H.E. Serge Sargsyan, The Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia and the Chairman of the MCA-Armenia Governing Council.

In attendance:

Members of Governing Council:

Vahram Nercissyantz	Chief Economic Advisor to President of Armenia
Vardan Khachatryan	Minister of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Armenia
Andranik Manukyan	Minister of Transport and Communication of RA
David Lokyan	Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia
Nazeli Vardanyan	“Forests of Armenia” Environmental NGO
Karen Nazaryan	Armenian Inter-Church Round Table NGO
Tonakan Ghazaryan	“Shenik” WUA
Vanik Soghomonian	“National Union of Farmers” NGO
Vardan Hambardzumyan	Federation of Agricultural Associations Union of Legal Entities

Invitees:

Andranik Andreyan	President of the RA State Water Committee
David Avetisyan	Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy

In attendace of:

Ara Hovsepyan	CEO, MCA-Armenia SNCO
Ruzanna Ghazaryan	Legal Counsel of MCA-Armenia, Secretary of the MCA GC
Alex Russin	MCC Resident Country Director, MCC Armenia
Edith Petrosyan	MCC Program Assistant
Simon Ghonakhchyan	Head of the Economic Department of the Staff of RA Government
Hovhannes Sahakyan	Senior specialist of the Econom.Dep.of the Staff of RA Government
Mery Harutyunyan	Head of Public Relations Department of the Staff of RA Government

The following items were included in meeting agenda:

1. Discussion and approval of combined technical-financial evaluation results of tender proposals for the Survey on technical and economical justification for construction of new irrigation reservoirs.
2. Discussion and approval of the results of evaluation of Expression of Interests and Short Listing, Evaluation Panel and RFP for Consulting Services for “Construction Supervision (package 1)”.
3. Discussion and approval of the results of the selection of the MCA-Armenia Procurement Officer.
4. Other issues.

Resolutions:

Related the first issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve combined technical-financial evaluation results of tender proposals for the Survey on technical and economical justification for construction of new irrigation reservoirs.

Related the second item of the agenda, by the majority of votes (9 pros and 1 cons) **it was decided** to approve the results of evaluation of Expression of Interests and Short List, Evaluation Committee structure and the text of RFP for Consulting Services for “Construction Technical Supervision (package 1)”.

Related the first part of the 1st item the MCA-Armenia Governing Council member Nazeli Vardanyan expressed her objection, which was presented by her as a Special opinion and it is attached to the minutes.

Related the third item of the agenda, the short list of the candidates for the selection of MCA-Armenia Procurement Specialist was discussed and **it was decided** to select Rudolf Petrosyan, Acting Procurement Officer for the position of MCA-Armenia Procurement Officer.

Related the fourth item of the agenda: Discussion of the Fiscal Agent */text redacted for confidentiality reasons/*.

When all the agenda items were addressed, Karen Nazaryan, the member of MCA-Armenia Governing Council, expressed his concern regarding USD exchange rate reduction in the Republic of Armenia, which will result in possible cost difference, that will occur during implementation of works, envisaged by program, civil works and procurement process in particular, which will definitely affect the quantity and the scope of works and/or procurement.

The members of the Governing Council shared the concern, however it was decided to address this issue during the implementation of corresponding works/procurement and the problems

occurred will be regulated according to the specific situation. Besides that, it was also mentioned by a number of GC members, the reserved/contingency/ fund resources could be used to solve the problem.

The meeting concluded when the items were covered.

MCA-Armenia Governing Council Chairman
RA Prime Minister

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The minutes were taken by:

Ruzanna Ghazaryan

*Legal Counsel of MCA-
Armenia, Secretary of the
MCA Governing Council*