

**Minutes No. 16**

**of the Meeting of Governing Council of Millennium Challenge Account – Armenia  
held on June 26, 2007, 19:00**

**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
Hovik Abrahamyan	Minister of Territorial Administration, the Deputy Prime Minister of RA
Vardan Khachatryan	Minister of Finance and Economy of RA
Andranik Manukyan	Minister of Transport and Communication of RA
David Lokyan	Minister of Agriculture of RA
Nazeli Vardanyan	“Forests of Armenia” Environmental NGO
Tonakan Ghazaryan	“Shenik” WUA
Vanik Soghomonian	“National Union of Farmers” NGO
Vardan Hambardzumyan	Federation of Agricultural Associations Union of Legal Entities
Karen Nazaryan	Armenian Inter-Church Round Table NGO

**Invitees:**

Andranik Andreasyan	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
Irina Ohanyan	MCA-Armenia SNCO, translator
Simon Ghonakhchyan	Head of the Economic Department 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 the MCC 4-th Disbursement Request package:(i) Disbursement Request &QFR, (ii) CP report, (iii) F&W Plans, (iv) QPR and (v)PP Report.
2. Discussion and approval of the Civil Works Bidding Documents , Volume 1 “Standard Bidding Documents and Final Bill of Quantities”.
3. Discussion and approval of Contract for Consulting Services on Environmental/Hydrological Baseline Study of Wetlands in the Ararat Valley.
4. Discussion and approval of draft contract for consulting services on “Survey on technical and economical justification for construction of new irrigation reservoirs”.
5. Discussion and approval of Combined evaluation results of technical and financial proposals submitted for Consulting Services for “Revision and improvement of performance based routine and winter maintenance system in force”.
6. Discussion and approval of bidding documents for rehabilitation of 2 sections (km 49+300 – km 60+960 and km 60+960 – km- 73+780) of the road H-17 Armavir-Isahakyan-Gjumri within the frames of the MCA-Armenia Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project.
7. Other issues:
  - a/ information about width of the carriage way of roads included in Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project,
  - b/ information about visit of MCC mission, their proposals, about making changes in the structure of Evaluation Panels, approved by the MCA-Armenia Governing Council, as well as in the decrees of Evaluation Panel.

**Resolutions:**

**Related to the first issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to:**

- (i) approve the MCC 4-th Disbursement Request package:(a) Disbursement Request & QFR, (b) CP report, (c) F & W Plans, (d) QPR and (e) PP Report,
- (ii) on behalf of RA Prime Minister, authorize RA Minister of Finance and Economy Vardan Khachatryan within 2 days time period to assure fulfillment of condition precedent (MCC requirement to return to MCC the VAT amount equal to 7700 RA dram, paid by Millennium Challenge Account-Armenia SNCO) mentioned in Clause 2.11.11 of the MCA-Armenia Condition Precedent Report for the Fourth Disbursement.

**Related to the second issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the Civil Works Bidding Documents , Volume 1 “Standard Bidding Documents and Final Bill of Quantities”.**

**Related to the third issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided** to approve the Contract for Consulting Services on Environmental/Hydrological Baseline Study of Wetlands in the Ararat Valley.

**Related to the fourth issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided** to approve the contract for consulting services on “Survey on technical and economical justification for construction of new irrigation reservoirs”.

**Related to the fifth issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided** to approve the Combined evaluation results of technical and financial proposals submitted for Consulting Services for “Revision and improvement of performance based routine and winter maintenance system in force”.

**Related to the sixth issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided** to approve bidding documents for rehabilitation of 2 sections (km 49+300 – km 60+960 and km 60+960 – km- 73+780) of the road H-17 Armavir-Isahakyan-Gjumri within the frames of the MCA-Armenia Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project.

**Related to the seventh issue of the agenda:**

(i) as regards to sub-clause (a) it was decided to:

- Take into account the information, provided by Ara Hovsepyan, Chief Executive Officer of the MCA-Armenia SNCO about width of the carriage way of roads included in Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project, on reasonableness to change the width of the carriage way in accordance with RA Construction norms RACN IV-11.05.02-99 of RA Urban Development Ministry, adopted in 1999 to the new constructed and rehabilitated roads, and
- Authorize RA Minister of Transport and Communication Andranik Manukyan to study and provide conclusions regarding the reasonableness and alternatives to change the width of each separate road section, proposed by the MCA-Armenia SNCO.

(ii) as regards to sub-clause (b) it was decided to:

- Take into consideration the information, provided by Ara Hovsepyan, Chief Executive Officer of the MCA-Armenia SNCO about visit of MCC representatives, their proposals, about making changes in the structure of Evaluation Panel, approved by the MCA-Armenia Governing Council, as well as in the decrees of Evaluation Panel, and
- Approve (*10/ten/-pro, 1/one/-abstainer*) recommendations, made by MCC representatives in light of Millennium Challenge Corporation mission.

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*