

Minutes No. 14

**of the Meeting of Governing Council of Millennium Challenge Account – Armenia
held on May 15, 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

In absence of:

Member of Governing Council:

Hovik Abrahamyan	Minister of Territorial Administration of the Republic of Armenia
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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 evaluation results of technical proposals submitted for Consulting Services for “Environmental and Social Assessment and Oversight” (reference 1 is attached).
2. Discussion and approval of evaluation results of technical proposals submitted for Consulting Services for “Final design and construction supervision for the construction of 6 /six/ irrigation gravity systems”.
3. Discussion and approval of tender results/short list/ and RFP’s for Consulting services for “Design of 8/eight/ gravity systems and construction supervision.
4. Discussion and approval of pre-qualification tender results/short list/ and RFP’s for Consulting Services for “Institutional strengthening of irrigation management companies”.
5. Discussion and approval of evaluation results of technical proposals submitted for Consulting Services for “Revision and improvement of performance based routine and winter maintenance system in force.
6. Discussion and approval of the Procurement Plan.
7. Discussion of the Information about sub-clause b) (performance of assignment regarding Lincy “Foundation Program) of 1st item of the MCA-Armenia Governing Council meeting dated March 16, 2007.

During the meeting:

Before discussion the agenda issues the Chairman of Governing Council gave floor to observer of Governing Council Alex Russin, Resident Country Director of USA Millennium Challenge Corporation in Armenia.

Mr. A. Russin congratulated the completion of elections carried out in Armenia on May 12, 2007 and informed that regarding the elections in Armenia MCC Board of Director has not come to a conclusion yet. The decision will be presented to RA Government as soon as it is made in Washington.

Taking into account the evaluations of international and local observers regarding the elections, the Chairman of Governing Council considered strange the speech of Mr. A. Russin, however it was suggested to take into account the statement of A. Russin.

Resolutions:

Related the first issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the evaluation results of technical proposals submitted for Consulting Services for “Environmental and Social Assessment and Oversight”.

Related the second issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the evaluation results of technical proposals submitted for Consulting Services for “Final design and construction supervision for the construction of 6 /six/ irrigation gravity systems”.

Related the third issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the tender results/short list/ and RFP’s for Consulting services for “Design of 8/eight/ gravity systems and construction supervision.

Related the fourth issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the pre-qualification tender results/short list/ and RFP’s for Consulting Services for “Institutional strengthening of irrigation management companies”.

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

Related the sixth issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the Procurement Plan.

Regarding seventh item of the agenda, it was decided to take into account the information presented by A. Hovsepyan, CEO of MCA-Armenia SNCO regarding sub-clause b) Item1 of GC Minutes No 12 of Governing Council meeting dated March 16, 2007 on the results of fulfillment of assignment regarding Lincy Foundation program and assigned mass media to assure public awareness of the issue related to solution of works duplication issue in the MCA-Armenia and Lincy Programs.

The meeting concluded when the items were covered.

MCA-Armenia Governing Council Chairman
RA Prime Minister

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