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### **Civil Society Representatives Elect MCA-Armenia Stakeholders Committee**

Yerevan, Armenia - On September 26, 2009 representatives of Armenia's civil society elected MCA-Armenia's Stakeholders Committee (SC). By submitting applications for participation in the elections, 378 non-governmental, not-for-profit organizations became eligible to vote for members of this unique body that allows public involvement and oversight of the multi-million dollar MCA-Armenia Program.

Representatives of twenty three (23) organizations registered as SC candidates. The number of actual voters was 366. Each voter could support up to five candidates. The number of valid ballots was 360, with 6 - found invalid by the election committee.

Fifteen of the twenty three candidates that received the highest number of votes were elected as MCA-Armenia Stakeholders Committee members, the fourth such group of stakeholders elected since the inception of the program in 2006:

<b>N</b>	<b>Name and Surname of the member</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Marz</b>	<b>Votes</b>
1	Movsisyan Karine	"Youth Union of Goris" NGO	Syunik	126
2	Matevosyan Karen	"Freedom and Right" NGO	Yerevan	124
3	Asatryan Lilit	"Young Women Association of Armenia" NGO	Yerevan	113
4	Zadoyan Karen	"Armenian Juridical Foundation"	Yerevan	110
5	Pepanyan Nune	"Lusastgh" NGO	Lori	110
6	Hovhannisyan Ashot	"Dilent Service" NGO	Tavush	109
7	Shahinyan Poghos	"National Road Safety Council" NGO	Yerevan	109
8	Hovhannisyan Hovhannes	"Caucasus" Social Research Center" NGO	Yerevan	104
9	Soghomonyan Syuzanna	"Young Lawyers' Association of Armenia" NGO	Yerevan	104
10	Babaghanyan Gagik	"Civil Society and Social Development Foundation"	Yerevan	101
11	Barseghyan Pargev	"Public Advocacy" NGO	Aragatsotn	97
12	Atovmyan Marat	"Progress" Social Research Center" NGO	Yerevan	96
13	Badiryan Grigor	"Integration Process Support Center" NGO	Yerevan	95

14	Veranyan Andranik	“The Union of Noyemberyan Communities” Union of Legal Entities (ULE)	Tavush	94
15	Yengibaryan Victor	"European Movement of Armenia" NGO	Yerevan	92

The election process was coordinated by the election committee, composed of seven representatives from civil society.

Through the Stakeholders’ Committee, civil society and local and regional communities have the opportunity to provide advice and input to MCA-Armenia regarding the implementation of the Program.

The MCA-Armenia Program is helping to reduce rural poverty in Armenia through investments that improve economic performance in the agricultural sector. The Program activities include rehabilitation of key irrigation infrastructure, support to strengthen water management entities, training and technical assistance for farmers, increased availability of rural credit and other related activities.

For more information regarding the Stakeholders Committee and the MCA-Armenia Program, please visit:

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