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**Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan for  
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan,  
the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Ukraine**

**5<sup>th</sup> MONITORING MEETING and 7<sup>th</sup> ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

12-13 June, 2006

Roger Ockrent Room, OECD Chateau, 2, rue André-Pascal, 75016 Paris

**DRAFT AGENDA**

This draft Agenda has been developed by the ACN Secretariat to structure the discussion at the monitoring meeting of the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan, which will adopt the monitoring reports about implementation of anti-corruption recommendations for Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tajikistan, and discuss the updates by Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine. The draft Agenda also provides the structure for the meeting of the Advisory Group meeting.

**Action Required:** Participants are invited to provide comments and to adopt this Agenda

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## BACKGROUND

### ISTANBUL ACTION PLAN

The Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Ukraine was endorsed in the framework of the Anti-Corruption Network (ACN) in September 2003, in Istanbul. The ACN Secretariat, based at the OECD Anti-Corruption Division, provides support for the implementation of the Action Plan. An Advisory Group provides guidance on the implementation of the Action Plan.

The implementation of the Istanbul Action Plan includes several phases: review of legal and institutional framework for fighting corruption; implementation of the recommendations endorsed during the reviews; and monitoring progress in implementing the recommendations.

### COUNTRY REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In September 2003 the Advisory Group endorsed the Terms of Reference for the reviews of legal and institutional frameworks for fighting corruption in the Action Plan countries based on self-assessments reports prepared by their governments.

The reviews of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Ukraine have been completed in 2004-2005. The review of the Russian Federation has not been completed yet. The recommendations endorsed at the review meetings are available at the ACN website [www.anticorruptionnet.org](http://www anticorruptionnet.org). Full reports are published in the series *Fighting Corruption in Transition Economies*, and can be ordered at [www.oecdbookshop.org](http://www.oecdbookshop.org).

### MONITORING OF NATIONAL ACTIONS

In May 2005 the Advisory Group endorsed the Terms of Reference for the monitoring of implementation of recommendations. The monitoring consists of: (i) regular *progress updates* by countries, including a brief written update; and (ii) *country examinations* by peers, based on replies to questionnaires and on-site visits.

In the framework of *progress updates*, countries are invited to submit their written updates about the national actions to implement the recommendations, which were taken since the previous meeting of the Istanbul Action Plan, approximately twice a year. The Secretariat proposed a format for written updates for each country. Three rounds of *progress updates* were organised up to now: in June and in December 2004 and in October 2005; the reports are available at the ACN website.

First round of *country examinations* is under way. In this framework Tajikistan, Georgia and Azerbaijan provided their written responses to the monitoring questionnaire. Teams of examiners were established for each country. The teams of examiners visited the countries with on-site visits (Tajikistan - 13-17 November 2005; Georgia - 12-16 February 2006; Azerbaijan - 9-13 April 2006). On the basis of the answers to the questionnaire and information received during the on-site visit, the teams of examiners prepared draft monitoring reports for the countries. Draft reports were provided to the monitored countries for comments. The drafts are updated taking into account these comments.

## OBJECTIVES AND LOGISTICS OF THE MEETING

### OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this monitoring meeting is to discuss progress in implementing the recommendations by the Istanbul Action Plan countries, including to:

- Assess progress made by Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tajikistan and to endorse the monitoring reports prepared by the examiners on the basis of the questionnaires and on-site visits;
- Discuss progress made by Armenia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Ukraine based on the written updates prepared by their governments.

The purpose of the Advisory Group meeting, which will take place immediately upon the closure of the monitoring meeting, is to evaluate progress in implementing the Istanbul Action Plan and to agree on the next steps.

### PARTICIPANTS

Participation in the meetings is by invitation, only. Invitations are extended to all members of the Istanbul Action Plan, including their National Coordinators and examiners from other ACN and OECD countries, representatives of IFIs and other international organisations, civil society and business associations.

### VENUE

*Bilateral consultations* of the Azerbaijani, Georgian and Tajik delegations with the monitoring team will be organised on Sunday, 11 June 2006 at the following address: OECD, 2 rue André-Pascal, 75016, Paris (room number will be confirmed later).

The *monitoring meeting* will take place on Monday, 12 June and on Tuesday, 13 June 2006. The Advisory Group will be held immediately upon the closure of the review meeting in the evening of Tuesday, 13 June. The monitoring and the Advisory Group meetings will take place at the following address: Roger Ockrent Room, OECD Chateau, 2, rue André-Pascal, 75016, Paris.

### LANGUAGE

The meetings will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Russian.

### SPONSORS

The funding for this meeting is provided by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the OECD.

## SUMMARY PROGRAMME

The meeting will consist of the following main parts:

- Preparatory meetings for the national delegations of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tajikistan and the monitoring team;
- Plenary session to endorse monitoring reports on Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tajikistan;
- Plenary session to discuss updates by the national delegations of Armenia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Ukraine;
- Advisory Group meeting.

### PREPARATORY MEETINGS

The preparatory meetings are organised the day before the plenary. They will bring together the monitoring team for each country (see below) and the national delegations appointed by the governments. The meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss any outstanding technical issues which can be resolved on a bi-lateral basis.

#### **Tajikistan**

Valts Kalniņš, Latvia – Team Leader  
Yeghiazar Avagyan, Armenia  
Dagmāra Ušča, Latvia  
Sandra Šimkus, Latvia  
Inese Gaika and /or Olga Savran, ACN/OECD Secretariat

#### **Georgia**

Daniel Thelesklaf, Switzerland – Team Leader  
Konstantin Palikarski, Bulgaria  
Elnur Musayev, Azerbaijan  
Aida Raudoniene, Lithuania  
Olga Savran, ACN/OECD Secretariat

#### **Azerbaijan**

Daniel Thelesklaf, Switzerland – Team Leader  
Konstantin Palikarski, Bulgaria  
Bostjan Penko, Slovenia  
Rouslan Ryaboshapka, Ukraine  
Olga Savran, ACN/OECD Secretariat

Note: *Preparatory meetings are open only for the national delegations of Tajikistan, Georgia and Azerbaijan and for the monitoring teams.*

## **ENDORSEMENT OF MONITORING REPORTS**

The discussion and endorsement of monitoring reports will consist of two plenary readings. At the outset of *the first reading*, the monitoring team will present their assessment and rating of progress in implementation of the Istanbul Action Plan recommendations, following the main pillars of the recommendations:

- Anti-corruption policies and institutions (5-10 min)
- Criminalisation of corruption (5-10 min)
- Integrity of the civil service (5-10 min)

The national delegations will have an opportunity to respond to the assessments presented by the monitoring team (maximum 15 min). All participants will be invited to ask additional question and to discuss the assessments. At the end of the first reading the chair will summarise the outstanding issues, which will be dealt with during bilateral consultations between the monitoring team and the national delegation on the margins of the plenary sessions.

The *second reading* will open with the clarifications from the monitoring team and the national delegations about any solutions proposed to the outstanding issues. The floor will be then open for the general discussion.

The meeting will be invited to endorse the monitoring reports, including the ratings.

Upon the endorsement, the reports will become public.

## **DISCUSSION OF COUNTRY UPDATES**

The discussion of the country updates will be carried out in one reading only.

The national delegations will be invited to make brief oral presentations summarising their reports at the meeting (15 min). The chair will open the discussion, and will invite selected experts initially included in the review to present their comments. The national delegations will be invited to respond to these comments. The floor will be then open for all the participants to discuss the update. The summary of the discussion will be prepared by the Secretariat, and will be made public together with the national updates after the meeting.

Since the Russian Federation has not completed its review yet, and no recommendations were endorsed, the country will be invited to make a general presentation about anti-corruption policies and their implementation.

## **ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

The Advisory Group will discuss the progress in implementing the Istanbul Action Plan. In particular, the Advisory Group will be invited to discuss the following issues:

- Assessment of the first round of the monitoring of countries and ways to further improve the process;
- Schedule for country examinations for the second half of 2006, including on-site visits to Armenia and Ukraine, and the next plenary meeting of the Istanbul Action Plan in December 2006;
- Inputs to the preparations for the next general meeting of the Anti-Corruption Network, tentatively scheduled for the first half of 2007.

# DRAFT AGENDA

**Sunday, 11 June 2006**

PREPARATORY MEETINGS	
10.00	<b>Tajikistan</b>
13.30	<b>Georgia</b>
16.00	<b>Azerbaijan</b>

**Monday, 12 June 2006**

Session 1	<b>COUNTRY EXAMINATIONS</b>
9.30	<i>Opening of the meeting</i>
10.00	<b>Examination of Tajikistan: First Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of the draft report by the monitoring team</li><li>• Comments of the national delegation</li><li>• Discussion and outstanding issues</li></ul>
12.00	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30	<b>Examination of Georgia: First Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of the draft report by the monitoring team</li><li>• Comments of the national delegation</li><li>• Discussion and outstanding issues</li></ul>
15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 2	<b>COUNTRY UPDATES</b>
16.00	<b>Update from Armenia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li><li>• Discussion</li></ul>
16.30	<b>Update from Kazakhstan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li><li>• Discussion</li></ul>
17.00	<b>Update from the Kyrgyz Republic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li><li>• Discussion</li></ul>

17:30 *Closing of the plenary*  
*Consultations with Tajikistan and Georgia*

**Tuesday, 13 June 2006**

Session 3	<b>COUNTRY EXAMINATIONS (continued)</b>
9.30	<b>Examination of Azerbaijan: First Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of the draft report by the monitoring team</li><li>• Comments of the national delegation</li><li>• Discussion and outstanding issues</li></ul>
12.00	<i>Lunch</i> <i>Consultations with Azerbaijan</i>
13.30	<b>Examination of Tajikistan: Second Reading and Adoption of the Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of the outstanding issues</li><li>• Adoption of the monitoring report</li></ul>
14.00	<b>Examination of Georgia: Second Reading and Adoption of the Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of the outstanding issues</li><li>• Adoption of the monitoring report</li></ul>
Session 4	<b>COUNTRY UPDATES (continued)</b>
14.30	<b>Update from Ukraine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by the national delegation</li><li>• Discussion</li></ul>
15.00	<b>Presentation by the Russian Federation (to be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General presentation by the national delegation</li></ul>
15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 5	<b>COUNTRY EXAMINATIONS (continued)</b>
16.00	<b>Examination of Azerbaijan: Second Reading and Adoption of the Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of the outstanding issues</li><li>• Adoption of the monitoring report</li></ul>
Session 6	<b>ADVISORY GROUP</b>
16.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Endorsement of the Summary Record of the previous meeting</li><li>• Assessment of the first round of monitoring</li><li>• Update of the schedule of on-site visits for the second half of 2006</li><li>• Inputs to the 2007 ACN General Meeting</li><li>• Other business and next meeting</li></ul>
17.30	<i>Closing of the Meeting</i>