



The appeal of Council of the Coalition of Non-government Organizations for Improving Transparency in Extractive Industries

Dear EITI Board members,

We appeal to you on the eve of the next EITI Board meeting to be held in Bogota (Colombia) on March 8-9, 2017. We give importance to EITI implementation in Azerbaijan, all realized activities and initiatives in this area for our country and national civil society. By promoting transparency and accountability, prudent management of revenues and public participation in the country the EITI significantly contributes to Azerbaijan in the beginning of new phase of reforms. At the same time the EITI introduces opportunities to civil society on cooperation with government and participation in discussions and decision-making processes. In this regard, continuation of EITI implementation in Azerbaijan is important and vital issue for national civil society as well.

Assesment of progress with corrective actions of Azerbaijan will be discussed in Bogota (Colombia) meeting of the EITI Board.

We, EITI Coalition members who signed the appeal, would like to bring to your attention our position and opinion.

We want to highlight again that as national civil society representatives we unequivocally support the continuation of EITI implementation in Azerbaijan. We believe that Azerbaijan's participation in the EITI is ultimately important for civil society both in terms of oversight of exploitation of natural resources and development and increase of the role of civil society. The suspension of Azerbaijan in the Initiative would be a rush decision.

After the implementation of corrective actions set in the Board meeting for Azerbaijan on April 15, 2015 and fulfillment of activities determined by the Board in its Astana meeting a lot of important measures were taken by government to positively change the circumstances. The practical problems faced by the Coalition members were mainly solved, government made

decisions on registration procedures of giving grants and considerable simplifications to the rules regulating donor grants (President's decree dated 21 October 2016, the Cabinet of Ministers decisions dated 11 January 2017 and 24 January 2017).

All these decisions were appreciated by local NGOs and international organizations operating in Azerbaijan and paved the way for the restoration of the previous activities of civil society. (References are attached)

As civil society representatives we try to give our best efforts to boost such positive changes. The discussions with the government allow us to say that this process became more stable and making decisions towards the solution of the existing problems will continue.

We especially once again declare that in current stage, at a time when the changes have been started, country's participation in EITI is of significant importance for the development and empowerment of the civil society.

The suspension of Azerbaijan's status could pose a serious threat for the further implementation of this initiative in the country.

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