**I. ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

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| **1.** **Responsible official travel. Ensuring transparency and accountability in official trips of representatives of republican executive bodies and territorial administration bodies** |
| Commitment Start and End Date **October 2016 - June 2017**  | New commitment |
| Lead implementing agency | Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia |
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| Other actors involved | Other state actors involved | Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia |
| Civil society, private sector | Helix Consulting LLC (upon consent), Armenian Young Lawyers Association NGO (upon consent) |
| Issue subject to regulation | Decision of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia No 1087-N of 26 November 2013 "On official trips of representatives of republican executive bodies and territorial administration bodies" defines the procedures for receiving the permission of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia for official trips of heads of republican executive bodies or territorial administration bodies, their deputies or other officials, and for submitting to the Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia reports on the results of the official trip after returning from the travel. Reports must contain information on the purpose of the official trip, the inviting party, the topics discussed, speeches, meetings, decisions made, documents signed, expected outcomes, etc.Individual decisions of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia on official trips of the above-mentioned persons are posted on the website of the Government of the Republic of Armenia at www.e-gov.am. Nonetheless, reports on the results of official trips are not posted. |
| Main objective | Raise the level of efficiency and accountability of funding allocated from the State Budget of the Republic of Armenia for the purpose of sending on official trip heads of republican executive bodies or territorial administration bodies, their deputies or other officials; improve the transparency of activities of the Government of the Republic of Armenia. |
| Brief description of commitment | A unified platform with a search function will be created under the "public data" principle for posting decisions on official trips of officials and reports thereon.  |
| OGP challenge addressed by the commitment | More efficient management of public resourcesEnhancement of public integrity |
| Relevance to OGP values | Making the reports on the results of official trips public will help provide citizens with access to information not previously posted and raise the level of public accountability. |
| Ambition | Accessibility of reports on official trips will ensure more goal-oriented use of public resources and raise the level of accountability and increase confidence.  |
| Verifiable and measurable criteria for performance of commitment | Start Date: | End Date: |
| 1. Drafting of amendments and supplements to legal acts defining the procedure for permissions to official trips of officials, and discussion thereon with interested representatives of civil society.
 | September 2016 | January 2017 |
| 1. Coordination of draft legal acts with interested government agencies and adoption thereof.
 | January 2017 | April 2017 |
| 1. Creating a unified information platform accessible to users for posting decisions and reports on official trips of heads of republican executive bodies or territorial administration bodies, their deputies or other officials.
 | May 2017 | October 2017 |