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CONGRESS' ELECTORAL ASSESSMENT MISSION
Local by-elections in Armenia to be held on 18 September 2016
Delegation and programme

Delegation

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Wednesday, 14 September 2016

Various times **Arrival of the Congress' Delegation in Yerevan**

Thursday, 15 September 2016 Meetings in Yerevan

- 08:30 – 09:00 Breakfast briefing for the Delegation
Venue: Hotel Hyatt Palace Yerevan
- 09:00 – 09:40 Background briefing with the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan, **Mrs Natalia VOUTOVA**, on the overall political situation prior to the elections and specific pre-electoral activities (including long-term electoral assistance by the Council of Europe)
Venue: Meeting Hall 2, Hotel Hyatt Palace Yerevan
- 9:45 – 10:45 Briefing with representatives of the international community:
 - Richard Mills Jr, Ambassador of the United States
 - Nicolas Faye, First Counselor, Embassy of France
 - Barbara Davis, Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission
 - Lukas Gasser, Ambassador of Switzerland
 - Amias Moores, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy
 - Andrea Chalupova, Political Officer, Delegation of the European Union
 - Claire Media, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDPVenue: Meeting Hall 2, Hotel Hyatt Palace Yerevan
- 11:15 – 12:15 Meeting with the President of the Central Election Commission of Armenia, **Mr Tigran MUKUCHYAN**, on preparations of the local by-elections to be held on 18 September and on 2 October 2016
Venue: CEC (21a G. Kochar str.)
- 12:30 – 13:15 Meeting with the Minister of Territorial Administration and Development, **Mr David LOQYAN**, on the 2016 local elections against the background of the consolidation of local democracy in Armenia
Venue: Ministry (Government House 3, Republic Square)
- 13:30 – 14:45 Lunch break
- 15:00 – 16:00 Briefing with NGOs (notably those involved in election observation, anti-corruption, local democracy etc.)
e.g.
 - Helsinki Citizens' Assembly-Vanadzor
 - Union of Informed CitizensVenue: Meeting Hall 2, Hotel Hyatt Palace Yerevan
- 16:15 – 17:15 Meeting with representatives of Heritage party, **Mr David SANASARYAN, Mr Hovsep KHURSUDYAN**
Venue: Meeting Hall 2, Hotel Hyatt Palace Yerevan
- 17:30 – 19:00 Briefing with media representatives
 - Yerevan Press Club
 - Media Initiatives Center
 - Committee to Protect Freedom of ExpressionVenue: Meeting Hall 2, Hotel Hyatt Palace Yerevan

Debriefing and dinner

Friday, 16 September 2016
Meetings in Armavir

- 09:00 Departure to Armavir
- 10:00 – 10:45 Meeting with the Province Electoral Commission #21 in Armavir
Venues: Province Electoral Commission (Hanrapetutyan str. 30)
Armavir Development Centre (Shahumyan str. 68a)
- 11:00 – 11:45 Meeting with the Executive Director of Armavir Development Centre, **Mrs Naira ARAKELYAN**,
Venue: Armavir Development Centre
- 12:00 – 12:45 Meeting with representatives of local media: Alt TV (Armavir town), Noy Hayastan (Armavir town)
Venue: Armavir Development Centre
- Lunch break
- 14:30 – 16:00 Meeting with candidates running for the 18 September local by-elections (candidates for mayors and councillors from Armavir region)
Venue: Armavir Development Centre
- Transfer to Yerevan
- Debriefing and dinner

Saturday, 17 September 2016
Meetings in Yerevan

- 10:00 – 12:00 Meeting with candidates running for the 18 September local by-elections (candidates for mayors and councillors from Ararat and Aragatsotn regions)
Venue: Urartu Hall, Erebuni Plaza Business Centre
- 12:30 – 13:30 Briefing with drivers and interpreters for Election Day
Venue: Urartu Hall, Erebuni Plaza Business Centre
- 13:30 – 14:00 Meeting with the Chair of the Union of Communities of Armenia, **Mr Emin YERITSYAN**
Venue: Urartu Hall, Erebuni Plaza Business Centre

Sunday, 18 September 2016
ELECTION DAY

- 06:00 Deployment of 7 teams from Yerevan
- 23:00 approx. Late-night debriefing in the Hotel Hyatt Palace Yerevan

Monday, 19 September 2016

- Various times **Departure of the Congress' Delegation**

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