

Board of directors
of the Coalition for Improvement of Transparency in Extractive Industries
Protocol N: 87

Baku city

February 24, 2012

Meeting participants:

8 board members

Sevil Yuzbasheva, Elchin Abdullayev,

Sabit Bagirov, Ilgar Huseinly,

Ali Guliyev, Mahammad Talibly,

Nijat Daglar, Zohrab Ismail

2 coalition members

Gubad Ibadoglu, Taleh Aliyev

2 guests

Fidan Bagirova, Emil Omarov

Voiced their suggestions on the agenda.

The agenda was made as follows because of absence of other suggestions:

Meeting agenda

1. Updates on the works carried out by the persons responsible for respective directions for interim report of coalition project.
2. Release on the next meeting of EITI International board held in London last week – Sabit Bagirov
3. Updates on discussions to be conducted at meeting of MG on February 20 – Sabit Bagirov, Gubad Ibadoglu, Azer Mehtiyev and Ilham Huseinly
4. Release of Sabit Bagirov on Board of experts
5. Current matters.

Responsible persons for development of protocol and regulations of general assembly N: 15.

1. Updates on the works carried out by the persons responsible for respective directions for interim report of coalition project.

First, updates of Ms. Dunya Sakit, who was responsible for preparing monthly newsletter and leaflet of coalition, were heard. Having presented the draft leaflet to the board members, she gave general information about leaflet. She noted that the leaflet had covered the establishment of coalition, its areas of activity, our partners and members. After suggestions, it was decided to re-develop the leaflet and publish in English in 1000 copies in Azerbaijani and 500 copies in English.

Mahammad Talibly suggested developing the final version of leaflet after design changes and sending to the network for online voting.

Fidan Bagirova, representative of Open Society Institute – Assistance Foundation, who participated as a guest, expressed her anxiety per project directions. Fidan Bagirova also stated her anxiety on how advocacy activity will be established to weaker directions of research.

Ilgar Huseinly shared the anxiety of Ms. Fidan Bagirova and mentioned that and also suggested giving a chance to the responsible persons on research and waiting the end of activities. The representative of Revenue Watch Institute, Emil Omarov suggested giving updates on the most important directions of project on the press at least once a month.

Ali Guliyev suggested inviting the direction managers to give updates on the works.

Mahammad Talibly also suggested inviting the direction managers to give updates once a month.

Nijat Daglar suggested interviewing companies regarding individual accountability.

Sevil Yuzbasheva gave detailed information on investigation of production sharing agreement in her own direction.

Besides, the meeting chairperson gave information on the events planned under the project. 2 roundtables were held for youth organizations in Baku on “What figures arise from EITI reports and what our future promises us”. Information sessions have been scheduled for municipality and community representatives of the mining area in Shirvan and Gababay. One-day training has been scheduled for improvement of EITI reports. And that training is scheduled for the late March.

2. Release on the next meeting of EITI International board held in London last week – Sabit Bagirov

The meeting discussed more the activities for the development of latest version of Memorandum. A special working group of 2 persons from each party has been working on this activity for a year. One of the main suggestions made by the coalition on the latest version of memorandum was publication of individual accounts.

3. Updates on discussions to be conducted at meeting of MG on February 20 – Sabit Bagirov, Gubad Ibadoglu, Azer Mehtiyev and Ilham Huseinly

Gubad Ibadoglu said the meeting of multi-stakeholder group covered the matters suggested by the coalition. But the companies said they were not ready for these debates. Shahmar Movsumov supporting the position of the coalition at the meeting added to the agenda the matters of adoption of changes to the memorandum, social payments to the report and preparation of report on EITI implementation in 2011.

4. Release of Sabit Bagirov on Board of experts

Sabit Bagirov said he had applied to Gubad Ibadoglu, Azer Mehtiyev, Ingilab Ahmadov and Ilham Shaban with regard to board of experts.

The meeting also touched upon the matter of translator. The meeting chairpersons applied to the board members for finding new translator.

In March 26-30, the delegates from Tajikistan and Kirgizia are expected to visit Baku. Gubad Ibadoglu asked the board to appoint time for meeting with them.

Current matters

The matter of preparing the protocol of general assembly was also touched upon, and it was decided that the protocol of the general assembly should be prepared by the next board meeting.

Meeting chairperson:

Sevil Yuzbasheva

Meeting secretary:

Sabina Mammadova