

Board of directors
of the Coalition for Improvement of Transparency in Extractive Industries
Protocol N: 88

Baku city

March 16, 2012

Meeting participants:

8 board members

Sevil Yuzbasheva, Sabit Bagirov,

Vugar Bayramov, Ilgar Huseinly

Ali Guliyev, Mahammad Talibly,

Nijat Daglar, Zohrab Ismail

2 members of Monitoring Group

Sevil Allahverdiyeva, Latafat Melikova

1 member of coalition

Sadig Hasanov

Board members made the meeting agenda as follows by bringing the third item to the first on the agenda.

Meeting agenda

1. Researchers Group for holding monitoring of construction of SOFAZ building.
2. Updates of the coordinator and implementing organization on the coalition project.
3. Updates of the responsible persons on the coalition project.
4. Hold discussions on strengthening promotion activities in local and international media and electronic media on advocacy measures for individual accountability of companies, and preparing and sending the letters for discussing the transition to individual accountability for all companies, who signed the memorandum of EITI on behalf of coalition by taking into account the recent changes and development measures in EITI processes.
5. Current matters.

1. Researchers Group for holding monitoring of construction of SOFAZ building.

Board members held discussions on the finance spent for construction of new building for State Oil Fund. Board members voiced their suggestions on the matter.

Suggestions:

Vugar Bayramov suggested holding monitoring and establishing a group of 2-3 persons.

Ilgar Huseinly supporting the idea of holding monitoring suggested making a group.

Sabit Bagirov suggested sending letter of inquiry to the SOFAZ before monitoring.

Other board members also supported the idea of making a group for holding monitoring.

Decision: A group of Mahammad Talibly, Vugar Bayramov and Nijat Daglar was established for holding research for construction of new building of SOFAZ in the amount of 85 million Euros.

2. As the next item of the agenda, the progress of activities in Coalition project has been discussed. Board coordinator, Sevil Yuzbasheva spoke of challenges like negligence of some direction managers, not sending financial reports, photos, signature sheets, not sending the release before and after the event to the coalition board and coalition members through the network, also not sending them to the donor and not timely delivering other necessary documents. Board members decided that the names of irresponsible managers should be included in the black list and their participation in the next projects should be banned.

As a continuation of researches, the dates of trainings scheduled have also been fixed. Besides, it was decided to prepare and send the letters for discussing the transition to individual accountability for holding advocacy in the project. Sevil Yuzbasheva noted that the project planned to make visits to the companies and invite them to individual accountability. Sabit Bagirov suggested holding a roundtable and inviting all companies. The idea was supported. Sevil Yuzbasheva noted that it was possible to invite and make use of the British Ambassador's help on March 02 Conference.

Afterward, the board member – Sabit Bagirov stated the Economic Forum TV program on ANS TV channel had provided its next program with participation of the board and coalition members. The guests of the program to be aired on March 17 were Ingilab Ahmadov, Azer Mehtiyev and Zohrab Ismail.

Sabit Bagirov spoke about the news on EITI, also the US government's expectations with regard to the establishment of MG on EITI.

Current matters

Ilgar Huseinly wanted to organize an investigation of reasons why some board members don't take part at meetings.

Mahammad Talibly suggested giving information to the network in advance on the measures to be carried out in the next stages.

Besides, it was decided to send relevant requests to the Council on State Support to NGOs and World Bank to meet with them for the purpose of involving additional donors in coalition.

Meeting chairperson: Sevil Yuzbasheva

Meeting secretary: Sabina Mammadova