

Board of directors
of the Coalition for Improvement of Transparency in Extractive Industries
Protocol N: 99

Baku city

October 12, 2012

Meeting participants:

10 board members

Sevil Yuzbasheva, Elchin Abdullayev,
Mahammad Talibly, Rafiq Tamrazov,
Mubariz Taghiyev, Nijat Daghlar,
Zohrab Ismail, Ali Guliyev,
Vugar Bayramov, Ilgar Huseynli

3 Coalition members

Gubad Ibadoglu, Ilham Huseynli,
Fuat Rasulov

1 member of Monitoring Group

Sevil Allahverdiyeva

The agenda was drafted as follows after excluding Sabit Bagirov's suggestion.

Agenda of the meeting

1. Updates by the coalition members, who participated at the Amsterdam Conference dedicated on 10 years of PWYP establishment and latest strategy 2020 of PWYP and workshop organized in Koln, Germany.

2. On October 02, 2012, a meeting of Multi-stakeholder Group on EITI was organized. The meeting discussed the matters of conducting International Conference on EITI with regard to 10 years anniversary of Azerbaijan's joining EITI and preparation for national exhibition to be organized within 4th Global Conference in Sidney and other issues. Updates by the coalition members represented in MG.

3. Selection of 3 delegates for regional meeting on EITI in Dushanba on November 13-14, 2012.

4. Current affairs.

1. Attitudes of the coalition to the accusations by the president to BP company.

2. Opinion of the group established for investigating the regulations.

Presentation of opinion by Zohrab Ismail:

Additions by Elchin Abdullayev:

Sevil Yuzbasheva and Gubad Ibadoglu gave some updates on the first matter. It was noted that Sevil Yuzbasheva – coordinator of EITI Coalition, board members – Sabit Baghirov and Gubad Ibadoglu

participated at the international conference dedicated to 10 years anniversary of PWYP international coalition on September 17 in Amsterdam. The conference was attended by around 200 participants from 72 coalitions in more than 50 countries of the world. Women's involvement in EITI was paid special focus at the conference and the accepted strategy reflected the matter too.

After accepting the 2020 strategy of PWYP international coalition, the conference discussed the latest changes and evaluation aspects on implementation of EITI in the countries.

One of the discussed issues at the conference was to increase quality of EITI reports and to provide enhanced access of citizens to information in this area. Yonas Moberg, head of the EITI International Secretariat, who made speech at the conference, said requirement would be put on companies to provide individual reports.

Conference participants adopted application to the meeting of European Parliament, which was organized the same day, and also presented their letter to the conference participants that they supported the transparency processes. The conference also welcomed the resolution "on increasing transparency in natural resources-rich countries" and held discussions on its expected impacts.

Nijat Daglar and Ilham Huseinly gave information on the workshop on EITI conducted in Koln, Germany. The event was also attended by Ilham Huseinly from MG and Nijat Daglar from Coalition Board.

Workshop, which was organized on September 24-28, covered the following aspects: the role of MGs on EITI in developing the process and resolving the arisen problems, expanding the communication opportunities, upgrading the information policy for increasing the EITI coverage, EITI reports, conforming them to the newest standards and future of EITI: challenges and expectations. Ilham Huseinly spoke of the development process of MG, activity of the group and fundamental issues. Nijat Daglar made a speech on the history of EITI in Azerbaijan, progress of the process, start-up activities of the coalition, events organized and existing problems. The main focus was given to the challenges observed with the transition to the individual accountability and necessity of upgrading the memorandum. The next presentation of Azerbaijani delegates was about information policy of the coalition. Following the presentation, the numerous questions of participants and organizers were answered.

Participants were divided into groups in the following days of workshop. Activity and presentations made by the group of participants from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kirgizia and Ukraine were appreciated by the participants. The presentation of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan delegates were shown as sample to others. On September 26, Ms. Gabriel Zoller, person in charge for EITI affairs by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development also took part at the workshop. The workshop attendees visited coal mine in Koln on September 27. The guests having acquainted with the work process there listened to presentations on the work of the mine.

At the end of workshop, special certificates were awarded to the participants.

On October 02, 2012, a meeting of the multi-stakeholder group on transparency initiative in extractive industries was held. The meeting widely discussed the organizing EITI International Conference in Baku with respect to 10 years anniversary of Azerbaijan's joining EITI and preparation for national exhibition to be organized in Sidney within 4th Global Conference and other matters.

Suggestion: Zohrab Ismail suggested discussing the matter separately.

Mubariz Taghiyev suggested discussing the issue discussed at MG at the board meeting first.

The names of 3 delegates were voiced for the Regional meeting in Dushanba on November 13-14, 2012 on EITI.

Suggestions: Mubariz Taghiyev, Fuat Rasulov. Sevil Yuzbasheva and Sabit Baghirov forwarded their candidacies.

Sevil Allahverdiyeva forwarded her own candidacy.

Mahammad Talibly said it would be nice to mission appropriate candidates, so he suggested Sabit Baghirov, Zohrab Ismail.

Nijat Daghlar nominated Ilgar Huseinly.

Zohrab Ismail, Nijat Daghlar and Sevil Allahverdiyeva withdrew their candidacies.

After voicing the names of candidates, voting committee was established of Gubad Ibadoglu and Sabina Mammadova and it was decided to put the ballots of the names of candidates. The list of candidates were established as follows:

Sevil Yuzbasheva

Sabit Baghirov

Fuat Rasulov

Ilgar Huseinly

Decision: Sevil Yuzbasheva won 5 votes, Sabit Baghirov 7 votes, Fuat Rasulov 10 votes, Ilgar Huseinly 6 votes. So, the following delegates will represent EITI Coalition in Dushanba meeting on November 13-14.

Current issues.

The agenda was not followed in current issues. Board members focused on the second item of the agenda rather than the first, and started debating on that.

2. Zohrab Ismail spoke of her prepared opinion and suggested holding voting again.

Elchin Abdullayev gave information on his prepared notes and noted that they the regulations of the board in their hands and he was following this document.

Ali Guliyev said they needed to follow the regulations and rules. He said the decision had been twice violated at the meeting dated on December 14, 2011. It was not legitimate to elect Sevil Yuzbasheva as coordinator for the second time.

Rafiq Tamrazov said there had been no violation at the regulations. According to the regulations, coordinator is elected for one year.

Mubariz Taghiyev suggested keeping the existing status as the group's evidences were not proved with evidences.

Sevil Yuzbasheva noted the activity of the group could not be considered legitimate and each of group members prepared the opinion in separate. She suggested revising the regulations again.

Nijat Daghlar proposed 2 options:

Working Group should be established for upgrading the regulations of the board taking into account the recommendations in the opinion made by Zohrab Ismail.

Elections should be conducted for electing new coordinator at the last meeting of board in 2012.

At the end, these two options were put in voting and adopted unanimously.

Decision:

1. Working Group should be established for upgrading the regulations of the board taking into account the recommendations in the opinion made by Zohrab Ismail.
 2. Elections should be conducted for electing new coordinator at the last meeting of board in 2012.
 3. Working Group should be made comprised of Zohrab Ismail, Rafiq Tamrazov and Nijat Daghlar.
1. Ilgar Huseinly said he had proposed the suggestion of making the attitude of the coalition to the president's accusations to BP company and proposed to hold roundtable. Zohrab Ismail protested against it and asked whom to defend; the government or the company. The coordinator said there was no funding for organizing the roundtable.

Chair of the meeting:

Sevil Yuzbasheva

Secretary of the meeting:

Sabina Mammadova