

## **1-ci Ümumi yığıncaq (13.05.2004)**

The first general meeting of the Coalition “For Improving Transparency in Extractive Industries” was held on May 13, 2004. That was a constituent meeting and was a result of the seminar organized by the Open Society Institute’s Azerbaijan Foundation. The objective of the seminar was to discuss the role Azerbaijani NGOs could play in the application of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative. The seminar’s agenda included two main presentations.

1. Goals and objectives of the EITI and development prospects in Azerbaijan (presenter: Inqilab Ahmadov, director of the Public Funds Monitoring Center)
2. Role of the civil society in the EITI development in Azerbaijan (presenter: Sabit Bagirov, president of the Entrepreneurship Development Foundation).

After the presentations, the issue of the Azerbaijani NGOs’ participation in the EITI was discussed. Following the discussion, the vast majority of the meeting participants voiced support for the suggestion to establish an NGO coalition. Then, drafts of the Coalition’s Memorandum and Regulations were discussed and adopted with some amendments. Then the Coalition’s administrative body, the Council, was elected.