

**Annex 2**

**to the executive order of the President of the Republic of  
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**LIST**

**OF MEASURES DERIVING FROM THE 2012-2016 STRATEGIC PROGRAMME FOR LEGAL AND JUDICIAL REFORMS IN THE REPUBLIC OF  
ARMENIA**

<b>1. MEASURES AIMED AT ENSURING A FAIR, EFFICIENT AND PUBLICLY ACCOUNTABLE JUDICIAL POWER</b>				
<b>Objective-task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity implement ation deadline</b>	<b>Responsible body</b>	<b>Objectively verifiable criterion</b>
1.1. Improving the procedure for qualification test for inclusion in the list of candidacies for judges.	1.1.1. Developing mechanisms, based on international standards, principles of transparency and impartiality, enabling to assess not only the professional knowledge of a judge candidate, but also the ability and efficiency, logical skills for acting as a judge	December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	For the purpose of filling up the 2013 list of candidacies for judges, qualification tests are being conducted in conformity with improved mechanisms
	1.1.2. Improving the procedure for disputing the results of testing the knowledge and skills of judge candidates	December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of

				the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
	1.1.3. Developing transparent and objective procedures for nominating candidates to be included in the list of candidacies for judges, as well as reviewing the procedure for interview in the Council of Justice by clarifying the tasks and topic for that stage	December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
1.2. Introducing objective criteria and procedures for the performance evaluation and promotion of judges	1.2.1. Developing objective criteria for the performance evaluation of judges	Septemeber 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	1.2.2. Providing software and hardware support for the performance evaluation system for judges	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The software and hardware support of the performance evaluation system for judges has been provided
	1.2.3. Testing the performance evaluation system for judges in individual courts and eliminating software deficiencies	January-December 2014	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The Performance evaluation system for judges has been tested, software deficiencies have been eliminated
	1.2.4. Providing for mechanisms for the summarisation of results of the performance evaluation of judges, for the discussion thereof in the judicial self-government bodies and for the development of measures aimed	Starting from November 2013	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia,	Relevant mechanisms have been developed and are operating

	at increasing the performance efficiency of, both certain judges and courts	(continuous)	Judicial self-government bodies (upon consent)	
	1.2.5. Applying the performance evaluation system for judges in all courts	January 2015	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The performance evaluation system for judges is being used in all courts
	1.2.6. Clarifying under law the criteria for the promotion of judges by taking as a basis also the results of performance evaluation	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted to the consideration of the National Assembly
	1.2.7. Strengthening the capacities of the technical and service staff of the Judicial Department	January - May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The Judicial Department is provided with necessary technical means and service staff
1.3. Introducing a more effective model of self-governance for judges	1.3.1. Reviewing the structure, interrelations, composition and functions of judicial self-government bodies, by ensuring the internal independence of judges and contributing to the enhancement of guarantees for self-government of the judicial power	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
	1.3.2. Ensuring maximum participation of judges in their own self-government and providing for reasonable limitations for the simultaneous involvement of judges in several other self-government bodies, other than the General Assembly	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

	1.3.3. Examining the appropriateness of introducing a limitation on the term of office of chairpersons of the courts of first instance and the courts of appeals, within the context of restrictions on the powers of court chairpersons	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The study has been conducted, relevant recommendations have been made, and, the draft law has been submitted, upon necessity, by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
1.4. Reforming the procedures and grounds for subjecting a judge to disciplinary liability through guaranteeing objectiveness, fairness, efficiency and publicity of the disciplinary proceedings	1.4.1. Distinguishing the entities instigating proceedings against a judge and those entitled to take a decision on the disciplinary penalty through designating the Minister of Justice and the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission for Judges as entities instigating disciplinary proceedings, whereas — against a judge of a chamber or the chairperson of a chamber of the Court of Cassation — the Chairperson of the Court of Cassation, while in case of grounds of violation of rules of ethics — also the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission for Judges	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	1.4.2. Studying the issue of strengthening the legislative guarantees for the independence and protection of judges within the framework of instigated disciplinary proceedings	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Based on the results of studies the draft law has been submitted, upon necessity, by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	1.4.3. Studying the issue of open-door nature of sittings of the Council of Justice and providing for legislative amendments as of necessity	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of	Based on the results of studies, upon necessity, the draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the

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	1.4.4. Clarifying the grounds for subjecting a judge to disciplinary liability, by revealing to a possible extent, the content of obvious and gross violations of substantive and procedural laws	October 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	1.4.5. Studying the decision of the Council of Justice on subjecting a judge to disciplinary liability for obvious and gross violation of norms of substantive or procedural law, the international practice in respect of providing for a newly emerged circumstance and setting appropriate regulatory arrangements	October 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Based on the results of studies, the draft law has been submitted, upon necessity, by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
1.5 Ensuring the effectiveness and transparency of the activities of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission	1.5.1. Developing procedural rules for the activities of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission	September 2013	Judicial self-government body (upon consent)	The procedural rules of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission are adopted
	1.5.2. Ensuring the availability of the decisions of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission for judges	September 2013 - 2016 (continuous)	Judicial self-government body upon consent)	Decisions of the Ethics Commission are available for judges
	1.5.3. Providing for powers preventing violation of rules of conduct for judges through consultation activities, within the framework of competence of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission	September 2013 - 2016 (continuous)	Judicial self-government body (upon consent)	The Ethics and Disciplinary Commission performs an advisory function relating to the rules of conduct of judges
	1.5.4. Training the members of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission aimed at ensuring the observance of rules of conduct for judges and building capacities for assessing violations	2013-2016 (continuous)	Judicial self-government body (upon consent)	All the members of the Ethics Commission have undergone training at least once

1.6. Balancing the number of judges in proportion to the number of population and workload of judges	1.6.1. Conducting a study — based on the comparative statistics and scientific justification of the workload of judges — for the submission of proposals on increasing or balancing the number of judges taking into account the number of population as well as the number of judges and the workload of judges as of the total number of court cases	November 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia,  Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	A study on the practice of the countries having comparable formation of courts has been conducted in respect of the number of judges and the workload of judges taking into account the number of court cases per one judge in proportion to the number of population, based on the results whereof a recommendation has been made with regard to a change in the number of judges
	1.6.2. Making legislative amendments necessary for balancing or increasing the number of judges (as of necessity established by the results of the study)	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly (upon necessity )
1.7. Improving the procedures for the vocational training of persons included in the list of candidacies for judges and prosecutors, the procedures for training of judges, prosecutors, judicial servants, state servants in the staff of the prosecutor's offices	1.7.1. Establishing a Justice Academy for the preparation and training of staff for the judicial power and regulating the activities thereof by relevant law	December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law of the Republic of Armenia “On Justice Academy” has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	1.7.2. Expanding the probation period within the framework of vocational training of persons included in the list of candidacies for judges and prosecutors and regulating the requirements to the content of probation	December 2012	Institutions providing vocational training of persons included in the list candidacies for judges and prosecutors	The probation period constitutes at least 30 per cent of the duration of vocational training of persons included in the list of candidacies for judges and prosecutors; the procedure for carrying out probation, the guidelines of the content of the probation, the probation assessment criteria have been clarified

	1.7.3. Including courses, within the framework of retraining programmes for judges and prosecutors, on topics relating to the development of professional skills to act as a judge and prosecutor, as well as to legislative and procedural developments and judicial practice	2013-2016 (continuous)	Institution providing training of judges and prosecutors	Judges and prosecutors undergo regular trainings on the topics relating to the development of professional skills to act as a judge and prosecutor, as well as to legislative and procedural developments and judicial practice
	1.7.4. Intensifying the cooperation between prosecutors, judges and advocates through organising and conducting joint training courses and other joint events	2013-2016 (continuous)	Institution providing training of judges and prosecutors, Judicial self-government bodies (upon consent), General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	Each year at least one event promoting the cooperation and contacts between prosecutors, judges and advocates is organised and conducted
1.8. Improving the system of objective (random) distribution of cases among judges	1.8.1. Defining by law the general objective criteria for distributing cases among judges	March 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted to the consideration of the National Assembly
	1.8.2. Developing software and hardware support for the objective (random) distribution of cases, eliminating software deficiencies	September 2013	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Relevant software and hardware support has been provided, and the programme for objective (random) distribution of cases has undergone testing in individual courts

	1.8.3. Fully applying the programme for objective (random) distribution of cases in all courts	January 2014	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	Software deficiencies have been eliminated, and the system for objective (random) distribution of cases has been introduced and is being implemented throughout the Republic of Armenia
1.9. Introducing a system, based on the results of studying the international practice, aimed at publication of reports by the judicial power on the activities thereof	1.9.1. Elaborate appropriate draft legislative amendments (upon necessity)	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The system for publishing reports by the judicial power on its activities has been introduced
1.10. Improving the norms against abuse of procedural rights and disrespect towards the court	1.10.1. Studying the international practice as regards the abuses of procedural rights and disrespect towards the court	May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	As a result of the study relevant recommendations have been made
	1.10.2. Providing for relevant regulatory arrangements against the abuses of procedural rights and disrespect towards the court (if necessary)	September 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Based on the results of the studies the draft law has been submitted, upon necessity, to the consideration of the National Assembly
1.11. Improving the use of information and communication technologies in courts by ensuring rapid case flow from a court of one instance to a court of another instance	1.11.1. Developing the principles and mechanisms for digitalising documents existing in cases examined by courts	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The draft amendments to procedural codes laying down the principles and mechanisms for digitalising documents existing in the cases examined by courts have been submitted to the consideration of the National



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	1.11.2. Providing software and hardware support necessary for the digitalisation of documents	May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia,  Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The system ensuring electronic circulation has been introduced
	1.11.3. Testing the system of digitalisation of documents in individual courts and eliminating software deficiencies	June-October 2014	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The system of digitalisation of documents has been tested and software deficiencies have been eliminated
	1.11.4. Fully applying the system of digitalisation of documents in all courts	November 2014	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The system ensuring the circulation of digitalised documents is being fully implemented in all courts
	1.11.5. Conducting a training of judges and judicial servants on the topic of applying the system of digitalisation of documents	January 2014- 2016 (continuous)	Institution providing training of judges and prosecutors	Judges and judicial servants have been trained
1.12 Developing and introducing a more effective model of financing the judicial power of the Republic of Armenia, in conformity with the European standards and best practice	1.12.1 Conducting a study on the European standards and best practice as regards the models of financing the judicial power	December 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia,  Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	As a result of the study relevant recommendations have been made
	1.12.2. Introducing a more effective model of financing the judicial power	May 2015	Ministry of Justice of	The draft regulatory legal acts aimed at introducing a more

			the Republic of Armenia	effective model of financing the judicial power have been submitted to the consideration of competent authorities
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2. MEASURES AIMED AT ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE CRIMINAL PUNISHMENTS SYSTEM				
Objective-task	Activity	Activity implementation deadline	Responsible body	Objectively verifiable criterion
2.1. Elaborating a new Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia;	2.1.1. Adopting a Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia "On approving the concept paper for the new Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia"	May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The concept paper has been approved by the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
	2.1.2. Elaborating a new draft Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia	September 2015	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft code has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
2.2. Submitting the new draft Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia to the National Assembly of the Republic of		December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft code has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National

Armenia				Assembly
2.3. Establishing a probation service independent and separate from the penitentiary service under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	2.3.1. Drafting a legal act regulating the activities of the probation service	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft of the legal act regulating the activities of the probation service has been submitted for adoption
	2.3.2. Developing an ongoing professional training system for the officers of the probation service	March 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The vocational training system has been developed
2.4 Reforming the procedure for early conditional release and for substituting the unserved part of the sentence with a mitigated punishment	2.4.1. Studying the possibilities of simplifying the system of the bodies rendering a decision on early conditional release from punishment and clarifying the functions of each body	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The drafts of the legal acts have been submitted for adoption
	2.4.2. Defining the objective criteria, based on which the relevant bodies must determine the issue of granting an early conditional release to the convict	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft of the legal act has been submitted for adoption
	2.4.3. Establishing an effective procedure for examining cases on early conditional release and on substituting the unserved part of the sentence with a mitigated punishment	December 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
2.5. Reforming the procedure for releasing, on the ground of a serious disease, a convict serving	2.5.1. Reviewing the powers of the body currently conducting medical expertise at present, and defining the legal procedures of	October 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft of the legal act has been submitted to the body adopting it.

his or her punishment in the form of imprisonment	the latter's activities			
	2.5.2. Defining an effective procedure for court examination of cases on releasing, on the ground of a serious disease, a convict serving his or her punishment in the form of imprisonment	November 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly

<b>3. MEASURES AIMED AT ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS</b>				
<b>Objective-task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity implementation deadline</b>	<b>Responsible body</b>	<b>Objectively verifiable criterion</b>
3.1 Reducing the workload of administrative courts	3.1.1. Studying the reasons of additional workload of the Administrative Court and suggesting solutions	October 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	As a result of the conducted study, the reasons for the workload of administrative courts have been brought to light, by analysing them and the international experience suggestions have been made aimed at the reduction of the additional workload
	3.1.2. Studying the issue of increasing the number of judges in the Administrative Court, and proposing solutions	December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
3.2 Including in the concept of "administrative body" within administrative proceedings those private entities upon whom the	3.2.1. Making amendments to the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On fundamentals of administrative action and administrative proceedings" and (upon necessity) to the	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Draft laws have been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly (upon

State vests public functions, ensuring also judicial protection of private individuals from the decisions, actions and inaction of such entities	Administrative Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia			necessity)
3.3 Ensuring the possibility of challenging the intervening provisions of a combined administrative act by its addressee	3.3.1. Making amendments to the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On fundamentals of administrative action and administrative proceedings” and to the Administrative Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia	December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft laws have been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
3.4 Ensuring, in practice, the exercise of the rights granted by the administrative acts adopted by virtue of Article 48 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On fundamentals of administrative action and administrative proceedings”	3.4.1. Conducting a study in order to regulate the mentioned institute so as, on the one hand, not to damage the essence of this important institute set by Article 48, and on the other hand, to protect the public interest	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	As a result of the conducted study,, relevant recommendations have been developed and upon necessity, the draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
3.5 Providing for a possibility to terminate the status of an improper third party by the court in administrative proceedings	3.5.1. Making amendments to the Administrative Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia	December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
3.6 Elaborating a new Code of the Republic of Armenia on Administrative Offences	3.6.1. Adopting a Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia “On approving the concept paper for the new Code of the Republic of Armenia on Administrative Offences”	October 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The concept paper has been approved by a Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
	3.6.2. Elaborating a new draft Code of the Republic of Armenia on Administrative Offences	May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The new Code of the Republic of Armenia on Administrative Offences has been submitted to the consideration of the National

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<b>4. MEASURES AIMED AT ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CIVIL JUSTICE AND IMPROVING THE CIVIL LEGISLATION</b>				
<b>Objective-task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity implementation deadline</b>	<b>Responsible body</b>	<b>Objectively verifiable criterion</b>
4.1. Adjusting the Civil Code of the Republic of Armenia to the modern approaches for regulating private law relations	4.1.1. Making amendments and supplements to the Civil Code of the Republic of Armenia	December 2015	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
4.2 Clarifying the rules regulating the process of proof in the civil proceedings setting a requirement for justifying, in the judicial act deciding the case on the merits, the settlement of the matters concerning the relevance or admissibility of evidence, as well as the removal of evidence from the content of evidence	4.2.1. Making amendments and supplements to the Civil Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
4.3 Defining in the civil proceedings the peculiarities of the procedure for a case examination in lower courts in the event of remitting the judicial act and remanding the case by a higher	4.3.1. Making amendments and supplements to the Civil Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly

court for a new examination				
4.4 Developing more comprehensive rules for preliminary court sittings	4.4.1. Making amendments and supplements to the Civil Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
4.5 Studying the matter of admissibility of evidence obtained during criminal cases in civil proceedings	4.5.1. Making amendments and supplements to the Civil Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia (upon necessity)	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been elaborated and submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly (upon necessity)

<b>5. MEASURES AIMED AT ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PERFORMANCE OF PROCEDURAL FUNCTIONS</b>				
<b>Objective-task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity implementation deadline</b>	<b>Responsible body</b>	<b>Objectively verifiable criterion</b>
5.1 Undertaking measures aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the task of ensuring the uniform application of law by the Court of Cassation	5.1.1. Studying the best international practice as regards the legislative standards for the admissibility of a cassation appeal by the Court of Cassation and as regards the requirements to the content of the decision on rejecting the admission of the appeal, and, upon necessity, in line with the constitutional status of the Court of Cassation, prepare legislative amendments aimed at improvement of the procedures for exercising the right to	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia,  Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	Based on the results of the study, relevant proposals have been presented, draft laws have been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly (upon necessity)

	appeal through cassation procedure			
	5.1.2. Distinguishing and clarifying the formal and content requirements to the cassation appeal, as well as the consequences for non-compliance therewith	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The formality and content requirements to the cassation appeal, as well as the consequences for non-compliance therewith have been clarified
	5.1.3. Developing requirements to the structure of judicial acts that will enable ensuring the comparability of factual circumstances of different cases when making a reference to other judicial acts	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The requirements to the structure of judicial acts have been developed and introduced
5.2 Developing procedures for the prevention of unjustified postponement of court sittings	5.2.1. Studying the international practice in the field of defining priorities for appointing court sittings	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	As a result of the conducted study, more effective methods for defining priorities for appointing court sittings have been revealed
	5.2.2. Defining by the procedure codes the possible exhaustive grounds for postponing court sittings, excluding the postponement of a sitting on any grounds not envisaged for that	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law (laws) has been (have been) submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly



	5.2.3. Envisaging effective legal protection measures in cases of violations of reasonable time limits for case examination	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	5.2.4. Envisaging effective mechanisms for monitoring the duration of case examinations	December 2013	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	Effective mechanisms for monitoring the duration of case examinations have been developed and are implemented
5.3. Studying the international practice in improving the procedures for reviewing judicial acts based on the decisions of the Constitutional Court, as well as in issuing judicial assignments by Constitutional Courts	5.3.1. Conducting relevant study	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	As a result of the conducted study relevant recommendations have been developed and upon necessity the draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.4 Improving the process of assigning and conducting forensic expert examinations	5.4.1 Disseminating information about the right for private experts to participate in the forensic expert examinations	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic Armenia, Judicial self-government bodies (upon consent)	At least one publication has been made covering the opportunities for private experts to participate in forensic expert examinations
	5.4.2. Clarifying in the procedure codes the procedural rules of interrogating the expert and for attesting the professional qualifications and the need for the expert opinion	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law (laws) has been (have been) submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.5 Establishing limited and explicit	5.5.1. Prescribing by law the exceptional	December	Ministry of Justice of	The draft law has been submitted

grounds for holding circuit court sittings and mechanisms guaranteeing the right to fair trial in the event of holding such court sittings	cases for holding circuit court sittings and regulating their procedure	2012	the Republic of Armenia	by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	5.5.2. Limiting the possibility of holding circuit court sittings in closed and semi-closed penitentiary establishments providing for additional guarantees aimed at ensuring the right to fair trial	December 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.6. Introducing a fair, transparent and precise system for allocating judicial expenses	5.6.1. Making amendments to procedural codes	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law (laws) has been (have been) submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.7 Introducing more effective methods for notifying about court proceedings	5.7.1. Conducting a study to identify more effective methods of notifications by courts	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	As a result of the study more effective methods of notification by courts have been discovered
	5.7.2. Making necessary legislative amendments for the purpose of introducing more effective methods of judicial notifications, based on the results of the study	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.8. Improving the simplified procedures of court examination	5.8.1. Making amendments to procedural codes	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law (laws) has been (have been) submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.9 Reviewing the grounds for non-consideration of a case and	5.9.1. Making amendments to procedural codes	December	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of	The draft amendments to the procedural codes have been

termination of case proceedings		2013	Armenia	submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.10. Clarifying the rules of jurisdiction over related claims	5.10.1. Making amendments to the Civil and Administrative Procedure Codes	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The draft amendments to the procedural codes have been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.11. Examining the issue concerning jurisdiction over appeals filed against the decisions of the head of the penitentiary establishment	5.11.1. Based on the results of studying the international experience, defining more exactly the institute of appealing against the decisions of the head of the penitentiary establishment, by settling the issue of whether the complaints should fall within the jurisdiction of administrative court or court of general jurisdiction	May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	As a result of the conducted study, relevant recommendations have been developed, and upon necessity, the draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
5.12. Improving the judicial acts search system	5.12.1. Replenishing the judicial acts search system with the option of search of judicial decisions by keywords and indexes	December 2013 (continuous )	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	The search options of the judicial acts search system have been essentially expanded, which allows finding necessary decisions faster and more easily
	5.12.2. Undertaking measures with the purpose of protecting the personal data of participants of the court proceedings in the search system of judicial acts	December 2013 (continuous )	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Judicial Department of the Republic of	The personal data of participants in court proceedings are protected in the judicial acts search system

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5.13. Providing for a separate room for prosecutors and advocates in open-access areas of the administrative buildings of courts		September 2013	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	A separate room for prosecutors and advocates has been allocated in open-access areas of the administrative buildings of courts

6. MEASURES AIMED AT ENSURING REFORMS IN THE SYSTEM OF ADVOCACY				
Objective-task	Activity	Activity implementation deadline	Responsible body	Objectively verifiable criterion
6.1. Clarifying the scope of free legal assistance and improving its quality	6.1.1. Developing criteria for providing free legal assistance based on which it will enable to determine property status of a person	May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Chamber of Advocates (upon consent)	Study has been conducted, proposals have been submitted
	6.1.2. Carrying out needs assessment with the purpose of determining the scope of free legal assistance and the required number of public defenders	November 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Chamber of Advocates (upon consent)	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	6.1.3. Studying the issues of ensuring the physical accessibility of the Public Defender's Office, in particular, the possibility of allocating state-owned premises in Yerevan and marzes aimed at serving the public defender's offices	July 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Chamber of Advocates (upon consent)	The needs assessment has been carried out

	6.1.4. Ensuring institutional reform of the Public Defender's Office, optimisation of the number of public defenders, transparency and competition in the procedure of assuming the position of public defender, specialisation of public defenders	October 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Chamber of Advocates (upon consent)	The draft law (laws) has been (have been) submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	6.1.5. Developing alternative mechanisms for providing free legal assistance	December 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Chamber of Advocates (by consent)	The draft law (laws) has been (have been) submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
6.2. Ensuring full training and retraining of advocates	6.2.1. Developing a training programme for primary training of advocates by paying particular attention to practical skills applied in the courtroom	November 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Chamber of Advocates (upon consent),	Training programmes have been developed and are applied
	6.2.2 Developing training programmes for ongoing vocational training of advocates on codes of conduct of advocates, advocacy skills, judicial practice and preparation of cases	November 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Chamber of Advocates (upon consent)	Training programmes have been developed and are implemented

#### 7. MEASURES AIMED AT ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Objective-task	Activity	Activity implementation deadline	Responsible body	Objectively verifiable criterion
7.1 Ensuring the complete	7.1.1. As a guarantee of ensuring the	September	Ministry of Justice of	The relevant draft law has been

independence and accountability of the Prosecutor's Office, the implementation of the principle of non-interference with the activities of the Prosecutor's Office	independence of prosecutors, reviewing the procedure for appointing prosecutors by envisaging precise criteria for removing candidates from the list of candidates for prosecutors, as well as reviewing the procedure for and conditions of promoting prosecutors by envisaging precise criteria for promotion	2014	the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	7.1.2. Clarifying the norms regulating the relationships of superiority between prosecutors by making relevant amendments to the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On the Prosecutor's Office"	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The relevant draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
	7.1.3. Defining clear and predictable grounds for transferring cases from the scope of proceedings of a prosecutor of one prosecutor's office or structural subdivision to the scope of proceedings of another prosecutor of the same prosecutor's office or structural subdivision	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The practice of transferring cases from the scope of proceedings of one prosecutor to the scope of proceedings of another prosecutor is not exercised without objective grounds
7.2 Studying the functions of the Prosecutor's Office in the sphere of protection of state interests beyond the scope of criminal law	7.2.1. Making amendments to the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On the Prosecutor's Office" (upon the necessity supported by the results of the study)	September 2015	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly (upon the necessity supported by the results of the study)
7.3 Reforming the system of subjecting prosecutors to disciplinary liability by clarifying the grounds for subjecting to disciplinary liability	7.3.1. Making amendments to the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On the Prosecutor's Office"	September 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly

7.4 Determining the appropriateness of introducing the institute of assistant to prosecutor	7.4.1. Carrying out studies to determine the appropriateness of introducing the institute of assistant to prosecutor and the possible functions of an assistant to prosecutor	May 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	Based on the results of the conducted studies, relevant recommendations have been presented about the appropriateness of introducing the institute of assistant to prosecutor
	7.4.2. Making legislative amendments on the basis of the results of the studies (upon necessity )	September 2013	General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia,	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly (upon necessity)
7.5 Enhancing competencies of prosecutor's office in the sphere of information and communication technologies	7.5.1. Introducing an electronic management computer system for maintaining statistics "On the activities of prosecutor", that ensures accessible registration and analysis of the results of prosecutorial activities	2013-2016 (continuous)	General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The electronic management computer system for maintaining statistics has been tested and introduced
	7.5.2. Introducing an electronic management computer system for keeping archives, that ensures accessibility of archives of the prosecutor's office	2013-2016 (continuous)	General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The electronic management computer system for keeping archives of the Prosecutor's Office has been tested and introduced
	7.5.3. Conducting ongoing trainings aimed at improvement of skills of prosecutors in the field of information and communication technologies	2013-2016 (continuous)	Institution providing training for prosecutors	Prosecutors possess the necessary knowledge in the field of information and communication technologies
7.6. Studying the international experience in the field of prosecutorial function of exercising supervision over the lawfulness of imposing punishments and other coercive measures by envisaging,	7.6.1. Making legislative amendments on the basis of the results of the study (upon necessity )	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly

upon necessity, measures aimed at enhancement of its effectiveness				
7.7. Providing for separate legal regulation of the state service in the staff of the prosecutor's office	7.7.1. Elaborating a draft law of the Republic of Armenia "On prosecutorial service"	November 2012	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
7.8. Ensuring mandatory execution of lawful demands issued by a prosecutor within the scope of the powers thereof	7.8.1. Making amendments to the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On Prosecutor's Office"	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly
7.9. Conducting a study of organisational-legal mechanisms of coordination of activities of law enforcement bodies in combating crime by making relevant amendments, upon necessity, to the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On Prosecutor's Office"	7.9.1. Making legislative amendments based on the results of the study (upon necessity)	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	The draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the consideration of the National Assembly

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**8. MEASURES AIMED AT ENHANCING THE EFFICIENCY OF ARBITRATION, NOTARY AND PUBLIC REGISTRY SYSTEMS**



Objective-task	Activity	Activity implementation deadline	Responsible body	Objectively verifiable criterion
8.1. Improving and promoting alternative mechanisms for resolving disputes through arbitration	8.1.1. Carrying out measures aimed at training arbitrators and enhancing their professional capacities	2013-2016 (continuous)	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	At least one measure has been implemented annually aimed at training of arbitrators and enhancing their professional capacities
	8.1.2. Including thematic courses on relations with arbitration, in the retraining programmes for judges	2013-2016 (continuous)	Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia,  Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	All judges examining cases in the sphere of arbitration have undergone retraining
	8.1.3. Studying the possibilities of introducing mechanisms aimed at enhancing supervision over voluntary certification of arbitrators' qualifications and compliance with codes of conduct by arbitrators based on international practice	December 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Relevant mechanisms have been introduced
	8.1.4. Elaborating codes of conduct of arbitrators and model rules of arbitration proceedings	May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of	Codes of conduct of arbitrators and model rules of arbitration

			Armenia	proceedings have been developed
8.2. Studying international practice and perspectives of introducing the institute of referral of civil cases by the courts of first instance to conciliators	8.2.1. Carrying out studies to determine the expediency and mechanisms of referral of civil cases by the courts of first instance to conciliators	December 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Based on the results of studying the international practice, proposals on introducing the concept of conciliation have been presented and the draft law has been submitted to the National Assembly by the Government of the Republic of Armenia (upon necessity)
	8.2.2. Developing legislative grounds for enforcing conciliation (where necessary)	December 2015	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Draft law has been submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to the National Assembly (where necessary).
	8.2.3. Promoting the elaboration of codes of conduct of arbitrators and procedural model rules for enforcing conciliation	May 2016	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Codes of conduct of arbitrators and procedural model rules for enforcing conciliation have been developed.

	8.2.4. Promoting the introduction of programme for vocational training of conciliators	2016 (continuous)	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Programme for vocational training of conciliators is implemented by at least one institution
8.3. Introducing in notary services the system of electronic notary and “one-stop-shop” principle	8.3.1. Providing the electronic management computer system with software and hardware support	December 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Electronic management computer system has been provided with software and hardware support
	8.3.2. Testing the electronic management system in certain notary offices and eliminating software deficiencies	April 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Software deficiencies revealed as a result of testing the electronic management system have been eliminated
	8.3.3. Using the electronic management system in all notary offices	December 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Electronic management system is used in all notary offices
8.4. Developing the electronic system of civil status acts	8.4.1. Ensuring digitisation of electronic databases of civil status acts registration	2014-2016 (continuous)	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The civil status acts registration database has been completely digitised

registration				
	8.4.2. Ensuring confidentiality of personal data registered with the civil status acts registration bodies	September 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Confidentiality of personal data registered with the civil status acts registration bodies has been ensured
	8.4.3. Launching the electronic system of civil status acts registration	September 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Electronic system of civil status acts registration is operating
8.5. Providing centralised services to natural and legal persons on “one-stop-shop” principle through establishing integrated service centres for maintaining public registries (registration)	8.5.1. Adopting a Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia "On the concept paper concerning the introduction of integrated service centres for maintaining public registries (registration)	March 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Concept paper has been approved by the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia
	8.5.2. Providing relevant software support which will enable connecting through integrated interface and exchanging information between operating databases	May 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Relevant software has been prepared and tested
	8.5.3. Gradually putting into operation reconstructed integrated service centres in marzes	September 2015	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Territorial Administration of the Republic of Armenia, State Committee of the Real Estate Cadastre adjunct to the Government of the	Reconstructed integrated service centres have been put into operation in at least 3 marzes

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9. MEASURES AIMED AT RESTRUCTURING THE GENERAL LEGAL TRAINING AND LEGAL EDUCATION SYSTEM				
Objective-task	Activity	Activity implementation deadline	Responsible body	Objectively verifiable criterion
9.1. Ensuring the availability of a targeted general legal training and general legal education system adopted at a state level	9.1.1. Establishing an interagency commission to review all the educational criteria, general education and main professional education programmes at primary, middle, higher and postgraduate education levels	September 2013	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia	Interagency commission has been established
9.2. Improving the quality of middle level and higher professional legal education and legal education requirements	9.2.1. Providing for a list of professions for middle level professional education in the sphere of justice and elaborating education programmes and criteria on the basis thereof	March 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia	List of professions for middle level professional education in the sphere of justice and education programmes and criteria on the basis thereof have been established
	9.2.2. Elaborating a governmental	February	Ministry of Justice of	Programme has been elaborated

	programme for legal education reforms	2014	the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia	and adopted
	9.2.3 Elaborating relevant normative legal acts related to general legal education and education issues	September 2014	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia	Relevant normative legal acts have been elaborated and submitted to bodies responsible for their adoption

<b>10. MEASURES AIMED AT ENSURING THE PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>Objective-task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity implementation deadline</b>	<b>Responsible body</b>	<b>Objectively verifiable criterion</b>
10.1. Ensuring transparency of the process of implementation of the 2012-2016 Strategic Programme for Legal and Judicial Reforms	10.1.1 Disseminating information among the population on the 2012-2016 Strategic Programme of legal and Judicial Reforms	July 2012 – 2016 (continuous)	Working group	Information on the 2012-2016 Strategic Programme of Judicial Reforms has been disseminated through different means of mass media

	10.1.2. Publishing an annual report concerning the progress of the Programme implementation	June and December of every year	Responsible body	Report has been published
	10.1.3. Establishing, where necessary, working groups by the responsible body	July 2012 – 2016 (continuous)	Responsible body	Where necessary, working groups have been established

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