



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

REPRESENTATIVES OF
FACTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA OF
THE SEVENTH CONVOCATION
AND
WOMEN RIGHTS CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

March 8, 2019
Armenia

Yerevan, Republic of

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia of the seventh convocation and representatives of women rights civil society organizations of Armenia (hereinafter Parties).

The subject of the Memorandum of Understanding

To establish a cooperation platform between the representatives of the Republic of Armenia legislative power and civil society aimed at joining efforts towards ensuring equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men in Armenia.

Whereas:

provisions on equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men are stipulated in the RA Constitution, RA Concept on Gender Policy and laws and programs adopted within the framework of the latter, as well as in international commitments of the Republic of Armenia,

Guided:

by understanding that in parliamentary system political parties represented in the RA National Assembly participate in the development of policies and improvement of legislation executed by the Government,

Representatives of the RA National Assembly and a number of CSO endorse this Memorandum of Understanding and herewith agree to cooperate based on approaches that ensure equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men as clarified below:

1. Parties are determined, within their authorities, to ensure civil society participation in legislative initiatives aimed at empowerment of women in the political, economic and social areas, as well as the promotion of equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men.
2. Parties agree to jointly implement public events aimed at promoting equal participation of women and men in the county's development processes.
3. Parties agree to hold consultations on other issues included in the "Women Agenda for Development" document that is of their interest, as well as to discuss the progress of jointly implemented activities and plan future joint activities.

The activities envisioned by this Memorandum of Understanding shall be coordinated by the council of the platform which involves Deputies of the RA NA and representatives of CSOs.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not limit the opportunity for implementation of other activities aimed at the promotion of cooperation between the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not be interpreted as an any legal obligation binding document.

Memorandum of Understanding is signed by representatives of the Parties:

For and on behalf of Vice President of the RA National Assembly

Lena Nazaryan

For and on behalf of civil society organizations' representatives