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Building Closer Relationships

The European Union is seeking an increasingly close relationship with Armenia, going beyond co-operation, to gradual economic integration and deepening of political ties through increased dialogue, which could result in Armenia's participation in the European Union's policies and programmes. Finally, Armenia and the Member States of the European Union are paving the way for enhancing the mobility of people. To make this vision a reality, Armenia has started out on a path of various reforms.

The EU Advisory Group supports the Republic of Armenia in the implementation of its reform agenda and seeks to help the country meet its international commitments. To accomplish this, the Group provides the Armenian Presidency and other national authorities with tailored policy advice on legal, democratic, economic and institutional issues. More indirectly, other official bodies of the Republic of Armenia, social partners, as well as civil society organisations, also benefit from this support.

Transferring Know-how

In line with the existing European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan, the EU Advisory Group is assisting the Armenian authorities in their preparations for negotiating, concluding and implementing an Association Agreement with the European Union. This would also include the establishment of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) between Armenia and the EU.

The EU Advisory Group will ensure that the Armenian authorities have direct access to best practices and reform experiences from within the European Union. It will serve to strengthen the policy-making process by helping the government to consult civil society, formulate policies and ensure effective policy implementation.

The EU Advisory Group will further assist Armenia by facilitating the effective use of the Comprehensive Institution Building (CIB) programme and other instruments of technical assistance such as Twinning, TAIEX and SIGMA.

Stimulating Dialogue

The EU Advisory Group will also advance the implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan by stimulating dialogue between national authorities and the European Commission's services. Policy advice will be directed at the following core areas:

- Strengthening respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and enhancing democratic structures
- Supporting reforms in the field of Justice, Liberty and Security
- Enhancing the economic integration of Armenia into the European Union's internal market.

