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Coalition meets validator

A meeting among the NGOs Coalition for Improving Transparency in the Extractive Industries (ITEI) and Coffey International Company has been held on January 13, 2009. The purpose of the meeting was to learn Coalition's view about EITI implementation in Azerbaijan.



Tim Ruffer, representative of Coffey International Company, Trond Kubbeurd expert on oil-gas industry of IPAN Company and Ali Nabiyeu, director of "Balance Audit" company operating in Azerbaijan participated at the meeting. Coalition Council's members Mirvari Gahramanli, Dunya Sakit, Ogtay Gulaliyev, Ilham Huseynli, Council's coordinator Azer Mehtiyev, former Council's members Telman Zeynalov and Sevgim Rahmanov and Coalitions members Zohrab Ismayilov, Razi Nurullayev and Ilham Shaban also participated at the meeting. Validators have held an individual meeting with the previous members of the Council Sabit Bagirov, Ingilab Ahmedov and Mirvari Gahramanli.

Guests have learned views of the Coalition on the process in Azerbaijan based on validating indicators identified by the International EITI Secretary.

While expressing his opinion on 18 validation indicators Ismayilov informed the validation group about absence of constantly functioned multisided Working Group, absence of Working Plan, avoiding of companies from individual accountability, and absence of the Government's activity of lifting obstacles against implementation of EITI in Azerbaijan.

He stated that, because of these shortages multisided discussion of suggestions about improving report forms of Coalition, and removing many-counted and repeated defects on reports represented by companies have not been attained. Besides, companies have not provided report on social assignments and physical person's paying off to the government on income tax. Earlier it was expected to represent reports on all payments. Ismayilov also spoke about basic companies' reports to international auditor opinion. He stressed that Coalition's expressed negative attitude to the matter.

“Most of report provided by the companies, particularly local ones do not pass international audit. The biggest company SOCAR has not gone through audit till recently. They explain that with the delays in transformation to international accountant standards. And this process has ben delayed for many years,” Ismayilov said.

Ogtay Gulaliyev, member of the Coalition Council objected to showing three sided Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as Working Plan by Government Commission, and drawn guests’ attention to the 12th article of that document.

“This article of Memorandum does not create any obligations for parties. Although a Working Plan should be a document, which creates definite obligations for parties. Constant multi-stakeholder working group so far has not been not created in Azerbaijan. Parties meet only during audit report events, and these meeting are of the formal character. Persons who are sent by companies to those events, in most cases say that, they “are not responsible” to express opinion to the raised issues. While Memorandum was being signed there was a promise made by the Government Commission that they will return to improving report forms in future. However, this has not happened yet. None of any further suggestions of Coalition about these issues had been admitted. Besides, the work that has been done to deliver reports to the public in the understandable language for everybody still has not been enough,” Gulaliyev said.

It was stressed during the discussion that companies are not inclined to cooperate with Coalition, and particularly SOCAR has not answered the inquiries sent by Coalition.

Validator asked what inquiry sent to the SOCAR had not been responded to, while Dunya Sakit stressed that, the inquiry sent in August 2008 related to “Contract of the Century” with the emphasis on the quantity of oil in share of Azerbaijan, had not been answered yet.

“It has been shown in value expression on the report. Coalition experts have serious suspicions that the quantity of oil in government’s share is not appropriate to the volume shown on the contract. Although we try to elucidate this issue, but since SOFAZ that buy and sell the oil has not answer to our inquiry, we can not make it clear,” Dunya Sakit added.

Council member also notified that, Sakit shared opinion of her colleagues about not being –multi-stakeholder working group and working plan.

Council member Ilham Huseynli said that he shared view of his colleagues and added that considering Coalition’s suggestions is important for implementation EITI in Azerbaijan.



Work plan must be discussed and adopted with participation of MoU parties

The Governmental Commission on the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) has sent “Work Plan on the Implementation of EITI in Azerbaijan” to the NGOs Coalition for Improving Transparency in Extractive Industries (ITEI). The Governmental Commission requested to respond the document until January 13. Existing of the Work Plan is one of the main validation indicators on EITI.

This issue has been discussed at the Coalition Council. Members of the Coalition estimated as well as negative case delaying of adoption of the Work Plan until now and

considered impossible discussion of such important document in a short period. The Council proposed to establish trilateral group on preparation of the Work Plan. A letter has been sent to Shahmar Movsumov, Head of the Governmental Commission and Executive Director of SOFAZ, to take into consideration the Council's decision. The letter says that it is important to establish trilateral Working Group with participation of MoU parties for collating of parties' positions and preparation of the document. "Work Plan" must be adopted at the meeting with participation of all MoU parties.



Efficiency of expenditures allocated from SOFAZ to be evaluated

NGOs Coalition for Improving Transparency Extractive Industries will conduct a research on efficiency of projects implemented with the financial support of the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic (SOFAZ). A decision about this has been adopted at the meeting of the Coalition Council held on January 9, 2008.



Expenditures from SOFAZ, transparency and accountability principles in this process have been widely discussed at the Council's meetings held in October of 2008.

After discussions mainly focused on results of the project research on improvement of communal conditions of IDPs and financed by SOFAZ and conducted by Hijran Hamidova, member of the Coalition and journalist, the Working Group consisting of Azer Mehtiyev, Hijran Hamidova, Gubad Ibadoglu and Alimammad Nuriyev decided to prepare a package of recommendations related to the expenditures from SOFAZ.

Taking into consideration poor activity of this group, a new Working Group consisting of Ogtay Gulaliyev, Mirvari Gahramanli, Ilham Huseynli, Alimammad Nuriyev, Zohrab Ismayil, Hijran Hamidova and Azer Mehtiyev was established on January 9, 2008. During one month the newly created group will prepare recommendations to improve public control mechanisms on the base of researches of oil funds spendings.

At the first meeting of the Working Group it was decided to attract Vugar Bayramov, member of the Coalition and expenditures expert from SOFAZ to the process. During the Working Group meeting the members also decided to hold a series of events regarding SOFAZ expenditures and to continue regular research on a number of entry sources of oil revenues.



The 12th General Meeting of the Coalition to be held on February 21

The 12th General Meeting of the NGOs Coalition for Improving Transparency in the Extractive Industries will be held on February 21, 2009. A decision to hold the event was adopted at the meeting of the Coalition Council dated on January 16.

According to the Regulations of the Coalition, 12th General meeting had to be held in the second half of 2008.

Due to the low number of application forms it was decided to postpone the meeting of the Council dated December 3, December 19. while the General Meeting was held on December 27.

In accordance with the decision of the Coalition Council dated on January 16, a Working Group consisting of Azer Mehtiyev, Ogtay Gulaliyev, Dubya Sakit and Sevil Hamidova has been established. At the same time it was decided that in accordance with the demands of the Regulations, a request regarding registration for participation at the meeting should be sent to the Coalition's members.

After the discussions conducted within the Working Group, the draft agenda of the General Meeting has been sent to the Council for its approval.



The Coalition made a statement regarding with the composition of the Supervisory Board of SOFAZ

NGO Coalition for Improving Transparency of Extractive Industries has made a statement regarding representation of civil society in the Supervisory Board of State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic (SOFAZ). The statement says that new structure of SOFAZ has been approved by decree of the President of Azerbaijan Republic on November 27, 2008. According to decree, new structure of Supervisory board includes seven members. Five of them represent Executive Power, one National Bank and one National Sciences Academy. None of these entities represents public unions.

Article 5.4 of Regulation on the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic (was approved by 434th decree of president of Azerbaijan Republic on December 29, 2000)

encourages to provide general oversight on SOFAZ's activities Supervisory Board and hence should be established through representatives of appropriate state entities and public unions, as well as other people. As seen, this time requirements of Regulation were not met as it was before, and representatives of Public Unions were not included to the structure of Supervisory Board.



It is important to state that the previous structure of SOFAZ's Supervisory Board included nine persons and two of them were representatives of the Milli Majlis (Azerbaijani Parliament). However, new structure has not included any representation from Parliament, which in its term has limited any oversight over SOFAZ activities by Supreme Legislative Branch.

Since the beginning of its activities, it is the third time when SOFAZ Supervisory Board structure has been approved. As mentioned above, and stated in SOFAZ's Regulation Supervisory Board structure still did not include any representative from public unions. EITI Coalition of Public Unions expresses deep concern regarding the situation, which could be viewed as violation of law, and limitation of supervision of huge public finance – oil revenues by civil society on the other.

It is regretful that despite several applies to the President of Azerbaijan Republic on representation of NGOs Coalition in SOFAZ's Supervisory Board, they were left without any reply. This has been happening when NGOs Coalition acts as party of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on EITI.

The facts that review by Independent Auditors on comparison of payments of companies and receivables of Government on extractive industries is publishing twice a year is estimated as a considerable step towards transparency by the Coalition. However this is not enough nowadays when oil revenues and expenditures are being increased day by day.

We consider, the fact that EITI Coalition representing more than 130 NGOs with its mission to achieve transparency in extractive industries and effective management of natural resources was left behind general oversight over SOFAZ activities and has decreased public trust on transparent use of oil revenues and has increased risk of effective management.

Taking these factors into consideration, the Coalition insists to include public union representatives to composition of the Supervisory Board in accordance with Regulation on the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic.

This Statement was approved at the Coalition's Council meeting dated January 9, 2009 and has been disclosed to the public.



Lack of transparency in construction of Oguz-Gabala-Baku water pipeline



The Committee for Protection of Oil Industry Workers' Rights has disclosed the result of the monitoring on the "building of Oguz-Gabala-Baku water pipeline" project financed by the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic (SOFAZ). According to Mirvari Gahramanli, chairwoman of the Committee, some problems were revealed during the monitoring process. The monitoring revealed that property rights of four thousand citizens have been violated despite the scheduled payment of compensation to the owners of lands in the area of the pipeline. "Less than thousand manat compensation has been paid to several citizens in Oguz region. It is below than the market prices", said Gahramanli. Gahramanli also stated that neither "Azersu" JSC implementing the realization of the project, nor stakeholder organizations responded to any queries regarding the issue.

According to Rovshan Agayev, expert of the project, 730 mln. manat is a big amount of Oguz-Gabala-Baku water pipeline in the length of 260 kilometers. "It means that each kilometer of the pipeline costs 2.8 mln. manat (\$ 3,4 mln.). Financially it equals to the funds of one kilometer road construction. Simple mathematic approach shows that building of one kilometer road should be higher than the building of the water pipeline of the same length. This price seems very high in comparison with other countries. For example, preparations for building of trans-regional water pipeline in the length of 1400 kilometers connecting Volgograd with Hashtarkhan, Kalmikiya and Stavropol in Russia. It is expected to spend 20 billion Russian rubl, or 750 mln. USD for this project (550, 000 USD for each kilometer). According to Russian resources, diameter of the mentioned water pipeline could be minimum 1 000 and maximum 1 500 millimeter. This pipeline could be at least twice smaller than Oguz-Gabala-Baku pipeline, but its price is 7 times cheaper than the pipeline in Azerbaijan. In several cases, the high process for pipeline is explained that the pipeline goes through complex geological structures. However, experts' observation state only 1/3 part of the lands where passing the pipeline are mountains", Agayev said.

Another issue raising concern in the construction of the pipeline is the absence of information regarding the project and ignoring of questionnaires sent by the civil society organizations.



Coalition voiced opinion regarding the primary validation report

Coffey International Development, an organization validating the EITI process in Azerbaijan has presented its primary report to the parties of Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). In its turn, NGOs Coalition for Improving Transparency in Extractive Industries has sent its proposal to the validator group.



Highly estimating the work fulfilled by the validator group, the Coalition considered it would be worthwhile to highlight several important issues in the report. The first issue is related with importance of establishment of permanent multilateral committee. The Coalition thinks that this issue must be reflected clearly in the primary report. “Establishment of permanent multilateral committee is one of the important issues for us. We consider that insufficiency of discussions about concerns regarding the EITI process in the country and lack of decisions are connected with absence of the permanent multilateral committee. Refrains from establishment of such committee may prevent hearing views of civil society,” the document says.

The second important issue is connected with the 8th validation indicator. “The report says that NGOs Coalition does not point out a defect on this indicator. However, during the interviews and meetings, we always stressed that absence of Action Plan and permanent multilateral committee.

Absence of discussions of the Coalition’s recommendations on report forms improvements shows incompleteness of the government’s activity to lift preventative against EITI implementation,” the document says.

The Coalition continues to keep its position on including companies' payments to the State Social Protection Fund to the reports and believes that it is not out of EITI demands. The EITI process demands to include to the report all types of payments by companies to the government. The Coalition's demand regarding inclusion of payments to the State Social Protection Fund is justified.

At the same time, while current report forms were confirmed at the meeting, held with participation of the Memorandum parties, to avoid delays of report preparation period the Coalition agreed with affirmation of these forms under condition that they will be reviewed.

Unfortunately, nothing have been done in this direction until now.

Thus, taking into consideration all above-mentioned issues, the Coalition views the first validation process as very important in the EITI history and hopes that reflection of these issues will help the efficiency of EITI process in Azerbaijan.



A Working Group is represented by the parties of the Memorandum on EITI

A letter acknowledging about formation of Multilateral Working Group has been sent on January 30 to the parties of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the Governmental Commission on the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative.

Azerbaijan has reached the last stage of the validation process. The first project report on the Validation presented by the Validator has been reviewed by the Commission.

The Validator has presented the project report to the International Secretary on EITI and the special commission on the validation, established under the International Supervisory Board on EITI, has disclosed its opinion about it. In accordance with the initial results, forming of Multilateral Working Group (parties of the MoU) on EITI and meeting of this group 3 times in a year have been considered advisable. Taking this into consideration we consider advisable to fulfill above-mentioned issues within a short period of time. You can share your recommendations regarding this issue until February 3, 2009, 17:00 pm. If you do not express your opinion by the mentioned date, this will mean that you accept it satisfactory," the letter says.

The second letter sent by the Commission on February 2 says that "Multilateral Group to be controlled on implementation of EITI in Azerbaijan will take over existing responsibilities and duties of the MoU parties. The Multilateral Group will also carry responsibility for preparation of working plan (a draft version of the working plan has been presented to the MoU parties) and other issues cropped up during implementation of EITI."

In its response to the letter, the Coalition Council said that the Coalition has positively accepted the proposal on establishment of Multilateral Permanent Group with participation of MoU parties and those supporting this initiative. The Coalition understands that certain amount of time is required to implement procedures of the Multilateral Permanent Group formation. At the same time as well as ITEI Coalition of Public Unions, we announce our good intention to support it successfully till the end of the validation process and consider advisable to reflect of principal agreement on the establishment of the Multilateral Permanent Group in the Final Report on the EITI validation. Along with these,

we consider that the following issues such as establishment of the Multilateral Permanent Group also should be reflected in the Final Report:

- Period (deadline) for completing of establishment of the Multilateral Permanent Group;
- Importance of adopting of normative document – Regulations on the Multilateral Permanent Group’s activity based on agreement among parties;
- Importance of reflecting of issues like the Group’s composition, representativeness number of parties, responsibilities of the Group, rights and responsibilities of sides, adoption of decisions;
- Importance of composing, adoption and fulfillment of the Working Plan by the Multilateral Permanent Group



SOFAZ’s budget has been calculated with \$70 of oil price

The budget of State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic (SOFAZ) for 2009 has been presented to the Supervisory Board of the Fund. Shahmar Movsumov, SOFAZ’s Executive Director said on January 28 that budget to be confirmed within next few days. According to Movsumov, incomes of SOFAZ is expected to be over 14 billion manat while the estimated figure for the expenditures totaled 5,7 billion manat. The budget has been calculated with oil price of \$70. Movsuov added that the calculations have also been made with oil price of \$50. In this case, SOFAZ’s income forecast for 2009 is expected to be 9-19 billion manat.

While talking about the probability of making amendments to the SOFAZ’s budget in case of stabilization of oil process around \$40-50 Movsuov said that no changes were advisable in the beginning of a year. The Executive Director did not exclude the probability of increasing the transfers to the State Budget. According to Movsumov, if oil price remains low and cause problems for the State Budget, the issues of budget sequester and increasing of transfers may be taken into consideration.



Azerbaijan expects first gold to see light in april



Azerbaijan International Mining Operation Company (AIMOC) has informed APA Information Agency that operating of the gold factory near the “Gadabay” Gold field was scheduled for February. Two week period is required for the installation of the agglomeration drum and stacker, first feed to the leach pad is scheduled for February, with the first gold flow anticipated by early April: “Regardless the expectations that the

project might require additional funds earlier, all works have been conducted within budget of the project".

In accordance with the estimates done by AIMOC, "Gadabay" has a combined gold equivalent resource of about one-million ounces, while capital costs for the project were estimated at \$30.7-million. It is expected that 15 tons of soil to be refined for an ounce of gold with possible of extracting 2 grams of gold from one ton soil in Gadabay field

Gold production will start in Gosha Field in the territory of Tovuz at the next stage. Despite gold exploration in Azerbaijan has been scheduled for the last quarter of 2008, due to several technical reasons the process has been delayed.

In accordance with the Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) on exploration of mining resources, Azerbaijan and Great Britain's Anglo Asian Mining Plc owns 51 % and 49% respectively. The six fields belongs to the Company : one field is located in Nakhchivan, one in Tovuz, another one in Gadabay, 3 another fields are located in the occupied lands (Zod Field in Kalbajar, Kizilbulag in Aghdara, and Vajnali in Zangilan). Under the PSA, 400 tons of gold, 2,500 tons of silver and 1.5 million tons of copper will be extracted from the contract fields

The run-of-mine pad has been constructed and has begun to be filled with material. The crusher underwent hot commissioning on Jan. 16, 2009 but without the agglomeration drum and stacker in place due to a short delivery delay. These are now expected to arrive on site before the end of January. The lining of the leach pad has been completed and tested, the solution collection piping is in place and the associated ponds and earthworks are also on schedule for completion within the same timeframe.



Coalition prepares Action Plan for 2009-02-15

Confirmation of the Action Plan reflecting the main priorities of the NGOs Coalition for Improving Transparency in the Extractive Industries in 2009 to be planned at the General Assembly of the Coalition which will be held on February 21, 2009. A decision came during Coalition Council meeting held on January 9, 2009. A Working Group has been established and included Ogtay Gulaliyev, Sevil Hamidova, Ilham Huseynli, Fuad Gahramanli and Fagan Aliyev.

The Working Group have generalized the recommendations regarding activities prepared a Draft of six activity priorities and certain activities for 2009. A decision on Draft presentaaion during the discussion of the General Assembly has been made during the Coalition Council meeting held on February 6, 2009.

Recommended activity priorties are following:

1. The realization of agreements obtained during the EITI validation in Azerbaijan and improvement of the EITI process;
2. Improvement of accountability and transparency;
3. Strengthening of public control on the SOFAZ's activity, monitoring of oil revenues and expenditures, evaluating of projects financed from oil revenues;
4. To increase efforts to join EITI non- oil and gas industry of Azerbaijan;

5. Strengthening of collaboration of the Coalition with other civil society organizations, expanding of advocacy and improvement of public awareness campaign about Coalition's work;
6. Expanding of international and regional cooperation.



SOFAZ intends to correct investment policy and change composition of currency



Budget revenues of the State Oil Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SOFAZ) for the period of January-December, 2008 reached 11 864, 7 million manat, while budget expenditures constituted 4 291, 8 mln. manats. Shahmar Movsumov, Executive Director of SOFAZ informed at the press-conference held on January 28, 2009.

According to Movsumov, revenue of 11 633,5 mln. manat was received from implementation of oil and gas agreements, including 11 527,0 mln. manat from the sale of profit oil, 3,6 mln. manat as acreage payments, 2,8 million manat as bonus payments, 0,2 mln. manat as transit payments, 97,2 mln. manat from Azerbaijan's State participation share in the Heydar Aliyev Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) Main Export Pipeline and 2,7 mln. from sale of assets received from foreign companies. The revenues from managing assets of the Fund for the reporting period amounted to 231, 2 mln. manats.

As for 2008 budget of the Fund, the expenditures in the amount of 145, 0 mln. manats were directed to financing of improvement of social condition of refugees and internally displaced persons, 120,6 mln. manats and 211,8 mln. manat were accordingly used for financing the reconstruction of the Samur-Absheron irrigation system and financing construction of the Oghuz-Gabala-Baku water supply system. About 5,3 mln. manat were directed to financing Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway and 2,3 mln. manat were allocated to financing "The state program on the education of Azerbaijan youth abroad in the years 2007-2015". Another 3 800,0 mln. manat were transferred to the state budget. The Fund's administrative and operational expenses in this period totalled 6,8 mln. manat.

The Fund paid profit tax and other taxes totalling 26,0 mln. manat. The Fund's extra-budgetary expenditure due to asset revaluation stood at 652,6 mln. manat. Basket of currencies weighted return on the Fund's assets in 2008 constituted 3.79%.

According to Movsumov, 52, 67 % of SOFAZ's funds are in USD, 42, 95 % in euros, 4, 38 % in pounds.

Movsumov said that SOFAZ intended to adjust its investment strategy regarding with the global financial crisis. According to Movsumov, due to the conservative investment strategy, global financial crisis has adversely affected the Fund's investments as a very small portion of the funds had been invested in shares on world markets. Movsumov said

that only 0.02% of the funds were invested in stocks while the bulk of assets were invested in bonds, including sovereign bonds.

Amid the financial crisis, stocks of even major companies have plunged on the world market. However, given their strategic importance for the governments of the countries where these companies are based, these companies are almost unlikely to go bankrupt. With this in mind, Shahmar Movsumov didn't rule out the probability of SOFAZ's buying shares of these companies (APA Information Agency). However, it will be possible only after the crisis slows down.



Profitability on SOFAZ's funds managed by foreign managers were insignificant last year

Profitability of funds of the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic (SOFAZ) was insignificant in 2008. According to Shahmar Movsumov, Executive Director of SOFAZ, the government is planning to look over cooperation with foreign managers. "The foreign managers explain this with the financial crisis in the world market," Movsumov says.

The amount of SOFAZ's funds managed by foreign managers is \$240 million while World Bank manages \$120 million.



The Coalition is concerned about affirmation of SOFAZ budget

The Coalition of Public Unions for Improving Transparency in Extractive Industries has expressed its deepest anxiety regarding the situations which has evaded following legislation violation in budget process of the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic (SOFAZ). The statement had been made during the meeting of the Coalition Council held on February 6, 2009.

The statement reads that there were delays in approval of SOFAZ's incomes and expenditures budget for 2009. "Today it is already February of 2009. Based on the information provided by SOFAZ, the Fund's budget for 2009 has been presented to the Supervisory Board. However, the Supervisory Board has not yet give any information whether the budget has been presented to the President, or not. This is factually violates articles 1.2, 3.3.3, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.6 of "Regulations of composition and execution of annual incomes and expenses program (budget) of SOFAZ," the statement reads.

The SOFAZ is regulated in accordance with the "Regulations of composition and execution of yearly incomes and expenses program (budget) of SOFAZ" verified by the presidential decree N 579 dated on September 12, 2001. In accordance with those Regulations, SOFAZ's annual budget to be represented to the Supervisory Board no later than September 5 of each year (article 4.1), then it has to be directed for further consideration to the President in line with project of state budget (article 4.3) drafted by the Supervisory Board. According with the article 4.4 the deadline for President's confirmation of SOFAZ's budget has been set as December 31 of each year.

The confirmed budget has to be published immediately by the media following article 4.6 In accordance with the Law “On the Budget System”, SOFAZ’s budget as well as other non-budgetary funds have to be confirmed at the same time as the State Budget.

It is not for the first time when legislative violation regarding the time scale of drafting and implementation of SOFAZ’s budget. Thus, in spite of Fund’s budget for 2007 was affirmed by President on December 26, 2006, the respective decree has not been immediately published in media. The dates of decree and budget had been placed on SOFAZ’s web page (www.oilfund.az) on January 8, 2007, and was published in official media outlets “Azerbaijan” only on January 31, 2007 and “Khalg Gazeti” on January 31, 2007.

Taking into consideration the above-mentioned issues as well as putting an emphasis on unallowable violations of procedures on composition and affirmation of SOFAZ’s budget, the Coalition of Public Unions for Improving Transparency in Extractive Industries, regards this as not adequate provision of transparency in spending revenues received from production industry of Azerbaijan.

At the same time we would like to highlight that, strategic important institution, where country’s oil revenues have been collected is not legally managed, while the right of issuing orders is the result of public rights limitations to monitor the Fund.



The Coalition’s member select a full member of the EITI Supervisory Board

Ingilab Ahmedov, member of the NGOs Coalition for Improving Transparency in the Extractive Industries (ITEI) has been selected as a full member of the EITI Supervisory Board. Information about the new appointments had been placed on the web page of the EITI Secretary.

Ahmedov was selected as an Alternate to the EITI Supervisory Board. His candidacy has been raised by the International PWYP Coalition.