

## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Legal Analysis and Research Public Union (Azerbaijan)

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: December 2015

To: December 2016

### Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

09/12/2016

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Legal Analysis and Research Public Union reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Ramil Iskandarli

Chairman of Board

### Part II. Description of Actions

“Legal Analysis and Research” Public Union (LAR) is established in 26/08/2012 in Baku and registered by the Ministry of Justice . LAR is a think-tank and uniting the legal experts from different organizations and institutions. The founders of the LAR are Ramil Iskandarli – former chairman of Azerbaijan Young Lawyers Union and Eurasian Lawyers Association, Chief of Party of the USAID funded ARC project of Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation. Another founder is Elmar Mamishov – also former chairman of AYLU and partner at “Consensus” legal firm. Elmar Mamishov is also an Executive Director of LAR.

### **Mission**

The mission of LAR is the “Analyzing and researching for a building of a legal state in Azerbaijan”.

The main goal of LAR is to contribute to implementation of the legal reforms in Azerbaijan through learning, researching and analyzing the legal problems.

There are there main direction of activities of LAR, which are:

1. To promote and support the legal reforms in Azerbaijan.
2. Conducting research and analysis of different legal spheres.
3. Support of legal awareness raising of population.

## **Projects**

LAR is currently cooperates with the Georgian NGO “Democracy and Civic Integration” within the project related to the research activities in the field of human rights of minorities in Azerbaijan supported by the British Embassy in Baku. Two Round tables were conducted in Marneuli (Georgia) and Baku (Azerbaijan) for discussing current status of the rights to use a mother tongue by persons belonging to national minorities in Kvemo Kartly and Kakh-Zagatala regions.

The project on “Legal support of vulnerable groups of population” is launched from 1st of March, 2014 with the financial support from the State NGO Support Council under the auspice of the President of Azerbaijan Republic. As a part of the project, lawyers of LAR providing free legal advises to vulnerable strata of population.

During two years of its activity, the Legal Analysis and Research Public Union closely cooperated with Council of State Support to Non-Governmental Organizations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Thus, in 2014, the project on “Legal support to the vulnerable groups of population (women, children, and persons with disabilities)” had been implemented with financial assistance of the Council. The main direction of the project was provision of free legal service to the people from weak strata of population.

In June, within the “Youth in Action” program of the European Union LAR together with its Swedish partners held an event for the law students at the Viksjöfors (Sweden). Young people representing various countries participated at the event. With organization of LAR the group representing Azerbaijan was selected from the students of the Khazar University. Head of the project Helena Ehrstand and the chief organizer Matilda Norling Person stated that they were very much satisfied with Azerbaijani representatives. Helena Ehrstand said: “I manage this project already for several years, however, no representatives of any country demonstrated such great skills as representatives of Azerbaijan did. This is a great innovation for us. I hope that our cooperation will continue.”

On July 21 of the current year, the Legal Analysis and Research Public Union (LAR) together with Georgian Democracy and Civil Integration Center and with assistance of the British Embassy organized the round table at the Marneuli region of Georgia. During the Round Table, the discussions had been conducted on the rights of Azerbaijanis living in Georgia to use the state language and the native language and the present situation in this sphere. Representatives of the Georgian People's Defenders foundation, about 20 NGOs and community organizations participated at the event.

LAR experts do an independent reports on different issues of law and human rights. Chairman of LAR – Ramil Iskandarli – is an author of a number of legal researches. He is an author of the legal research, such as “Legal Dimensions of Gender Equality in Azerbaijan; The Enabling Environment for Promoting Women's Rights in Azerbaijan” (funded by World Bank, <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTGENDER/Resources/CaucusesreportOct10.pdf>), Author of the legal paper “The rule of ECHR in implementation of freedom of association in Azerbaijan” published by British EHRAC ([http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/londonmet/library/z39689\\_3.pdf](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/londonmet/library/z39689_3.pdf)), and author of the research “A Guide to the Republic of Azerbaijan Law”, published by the Hauser Global Law School Program, New York University School of Law (<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Azerbaijan.htm>).

### Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

The experts of our organization conducted legal researches and provided legal advices to such entities like the Global Legal Project of the School of Law at the University of New York, European Union and UNICEF. The members of the organization periodically publish their analytical and enlightening articles and essays in the local and international press, internet information portals. The members of the organization regularly participate at the international events in the foreign countries as well as at the international and national events conducted by the state bodies in Azerbaijan.