
Armenias Political Coalition Sets Daring Goals Of Countrys Development

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YEREVAN, March 21. /ARKA/. Armenia's political coalition sets itself daring goals of developing the country.

"Taking as a basis the results of the February 19 presidential election and with a view to ensuring Armenia's progress, forming an atmosphere of social partnership and solidarity in Armenia's society, the four political forces represented in the National Assembly, supported by Armenia's President, are forming a political coalition," says a statement put on the website of the RA Government.

According to the document, the coalition's aim is to form efficient authorities that would enjoy the confidence of the greater part of the population, develop democratic reforms, improve mechanisms of human rights protection and elaborate and implement a program of action of the RA Government based on the comparison of the signatories' election programs.

"The parties forming the political coalition re-affirm their resolution to realize the coalition's ideas, assume political responsibility for the authorities' activities for stable and long-term development of the previous years' achievements, essential improvement of our citizens' living standards, implementation of daring and realistic reforms, effective opposition to external and internal problems facing Armenia," says the statement.

Under the document, the parties forming the political coalition, guided by the principles of mutual respect, mutual understanding, tolerance, solidarity, readiness to settle disagreements by means of negotiations and discussions, pledge to act in the spirit of the agreement, implement a policy in cooperation with each other and the President.

Agreement also points out that the sides will involve civil society in the decision-making process, ensure publicity and transparency of government bodies' activities, apply effective mechanisms of state officials' reporting.

The coalition's priorities are the completion of harmonization of Armenia's legislation with the reformed Constitution and with European standards, institution of constitutional guarantees of forming a full-fledged system of restraints and counterbalances into the legislation and civil system, development of an effective multiparty system based on democratic principles and ensuring political competition.

The coalition also aims to strengthen the potential of the parliamentary opposition, create favourable conditions for the formation of civil society, freedom of speech, measures to enhance the independence of mass media and ensure pluralism as well as public confidence in election processes.

The parties forming the coalition also point out the necessity for the application of mechanisms to ensure efficient activities of the Security Council, enhance the efficiency of national potential through further consolidation of Armenia's ties with the Diaspora.

Among the goal of the agreement is to enhance the efficiency of state government and public control over the system, form efficient government

system, apply mechanisms of battling shadow economy, ensure fair distribution of incomes and encourage export-oriented production.

The parties that signed the agreement pledge to exert every effort toward effective implementation of the coalition government's program, ensure the execution of the agreements within the coalition, not take any steps having a potential threat to the realization of the goals in the memorandum.

The agreement is to take effect from the moment of signing. It may be cancelled in case of insurmountable obstacles or disagreements between the parties on the basis of one of the parties' statement.
