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Dear Sir/Madam,

Referring to the current important challenges related to the regulation of the internal market, growth in volumes of goods circulation and particularly of exports, the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia (RA) is continuously dealing with quality infrastructure improvement, particularly in the fields of technical regulation and compliance assessment. The strategy, approved by the Government of Armenia decision #1693-N of December 16, 2010 "On approving quality infrastructure improvement strategy of the RA" is aimed at ensuring maintenance and further improvement of national quality infrastructure and reforming the existing system to ensure its compliance with international and European requirements, which in its turn will contribute to the further promotion of Armenian export potential toward developed markets and will set the stage for raising Armenian producers competitiveness, both in internal and external markets.

Based on the aforementioned, as well as taking into consideration the positive cooperation experience between the Ministry of Economy of the RA and UNDP, we attach high importance to the initiative of UNDP to develop a project on reforming the system of technical regulation and compliance assessment of energy consuming appliances produced and sold in the RA.

The issues of reforming and adjusting quality infrastructures in different branches of the economy and particularly in energy sector are on the agenda of negotiations and integration processes in the framework of the EU and the EAEU under the general coordination of the Ministry of Economy of the RA.

It is noteworthy that the RA has developed and submitted to the EAEU Committee a proposal on revision of legislation on compliance assessment and its harmonization with the respective EU legislation, as the current EU legislation in the sector is more upgraded.

From the viewpoint of introducing more efficient mechanisms to reform the quality infrastructure of energy sector and, particularly, to regulate the market of energy consuming appliances, we attach high importance to the capacities for conducting quality assessment and standards for localized technical regulations and their implementation, particularly, establishment and proper equipment of testing laboratories, introduction of energy efficiency labeling system, as well as implementation of other measures contributing to the development of systems for technical regulation and compliance assessment of energy consuming appliances.

With consideration of the aforementioned, the Ministry of Economy of the RA would expect the support of UN Development Programme in Armenia in to include the above discussed issues into their upcoming projects. At the same time, the Ministry of Economy of the RA expresses its willingness to cooperate with UNDP in the scope of other issues under its jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

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