

RSC SPECIAL WORKSHOP & “FOCUS GROUP”

“THE FUTURE OF ARMENIA-EU RELATIONS”

AGENDA

7 November 2014

Introduction

An explanation of workshop & “focus group” format

I. Cooperation & Collaboration

- Reviewing Armenian-EU cooperation

II. Past Performance

- Armenia’s Association Agreement (AA) and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA)

III. Armenia’s Strategic U-Turn: September 3, 2013

- Sacrificing the AA & DCFTA
- Pursuing membership in the Customs Union/Eurasian Economic Union
- The “lessons learned” (complacency, communications strategy, etc.)

IV. Salvaging Armenian-EU Relations

- Finding & formulating the framework
- “Action Plan Plus” and binding legal framework
- Format of engagement: moving from institutional partnership (state-EU) to inclusive triad (state & civil society & EU); broadening the constituency

V. Identifying Sectors & Issues

- Political “association” and norms
 - Economic standards and structural reforms
 - Monitoring mechanism, metrics and benchmarks & implementation performance
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