REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
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DEVELOPING CLIMATE CHANGE MAINSTREAMING IN THE EAP REGION

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Armenian delegation to the UN Climate Change Conference was headed by the President of the Republic of Armenia. The President Armen Sarkissian highlighted that:

> *"Armenia is the **4th** most vulnerable country to climate change in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region. Armenia has registered a **1.3 degrees** Celsius increase in temperature and a **9 percent** decrease in precipitation"*

It was stated that:

> *"... Armenia has consistently expressed its commitment to joining global efforts to combat climate change. In 2021, Armenia reaffirmed its commitments in the updated Nationally Determined Contributions and declared an objective of **40 percent** reduction of its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, compared to the 1990 levels."*

Was introduced financial cooperation initiative:

> *" I am delighted to share with you renewed **"Debt-for-Climate Swap"** Initiative, which will help developing countries to apply efficient mechanism for climate change finance and provide new economic opportunities."*

GOVERNMENT'S MIDTERM PRIORITIES

In its **Programme for 2022-2026** adopted on 18 August 2021 the **Government of Armenia states:**

The sector-specific policy will fundamentally be aimed at raising the level of resistance of the country to climate change by contributing to the introduction of the best practices of adaptation, actively participating in the global efforts for low carbon development and properly fulfilling the international commitments assumed with respect to mitigation of climate change.

Some strategic documents and actions envisaged by the recently adopted Government's Action plan to achieve this goal:

- National Program for 2022-2030 on Energy Saving and Renewable Energy
- Program for the construction of a new nuclear power unit in the Republic of Armenia
- Green and Sustainable Economic Development Strategy
- Building a National Transparency Framework for Armenia under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement
- Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy for Armenia
- Implementation of a Program on "Transition of Electric Motor Vehicles in Armenia"
- Construction of 5 solar photovoltaic power plants with a capacity of 120 MW
- Support to private investment projects for the construction of wind power plants with a total capacity of about 500 MW

EXPECTED PRODUCTS UNDER EU4CLIMATE PROJECT

- The planned for 2022 **Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy of Armenia** will help to prioritize options for climate change mitigation, while focusing also on the economic and social development co-benefits.

- Initiate consultations on development of the **Climate Law** to define the legal and institutional framework of the climate policy development and implementation in the country.

- Finalize the **NDC Implementation plan and its financing strategy** to transform the NDC 2021-2030 into tangible actions that lead to long term low emission and climate – resilient development.

- Operationalize implementation of the **Measurement, Reporting and Verification system Roadmap** for ensuring timely reporting under the Enhanced Transparency Framework as it was underlined in the Glasgow Climate Pact.

THANK YOU