

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Yerevan, February 3, 2022

The Commission on Television and Radio (hereinafter referred to as the "COMMISSION"), represented by the President of the Commission Tigran Hakobyan, acting on the basis of the powers vested in it by the RA Law "On Audiovisual Media",

And

The Media Ethics Observatory (hereinafter referred to as "MEO"), represented by MEO authorized member Boris Navasardian, acting on the basis of the powers vested in it by the MEO Regulations,

Aiming to unite the efforts of the Commission and MEO (hereinafter referred to as the "PARTIES") to maintain professional ethics in the field of audiovisual media, signed this Memorandum of Cooperation.

1. Cooperation Goals

The main goal of the cooperation within the frames of this Memorandum is to contribute to the observance of the rules of professional ethics in the audiovisual media operating in the territory of the Republic of Armenia, authorized and licensed by the Commission. This implies adoption of rules of professional ethics by the actors of the field, based on the best international practice, continuous improvement of the rules, clear interpretation and free, non-discriminatory application.

2. Cooperation Format

Within the framework of this Memorandum, the Parties agree to set the following format of cooperation:

2.1 In the event of the need for expert consultation on certain rules of ethics or a certain element thereof, or the application of rules of ethics or alleged violation of the Code of Ethics, the Commission may appeal to MEO with a request for an expert opinion or judgment on the matter in question.

2.2 Upon receipt of the Commission's appeal, MEO shall, within the timeframe envisaged by its Regulations, provide an expert opinion or judgment, which may include examples from international best practice.

2.3 The Parties shall regularly organize events dedicated to the discussion of topical issues of ethics in the field of audiovisual media.

2.4 The Parties agree to exchange documents promoting the development of the field.

3. Coordination of Cooperation

3.1 For the purpose of effective cooperation on matters relating to the format of the Memorandum, the coordination shall be carried out by the authorized representatives of the Parties. In order to organize joint events or working meetings and to resolve other

technical issues, the Parties shall appoint one responsible person each, who shall report on the work done or to be done directly to the Commission, MEO or their authorized representatives.

3.2 The Parties shall meet as necessary to discuss and evaluate the results of the work carried out within the framework of this Memorandum, and to plan further cooperation.

4. Entry into Force And Termination of Memorandum

4.1 This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature and shall be valid for an indefinite period.

4.2 Either Party may terminate the cooperation unilaterally and without justification, notifying the other Party at least one month in advance. The Memorandum may also be terminated (discontinued) or amended by written agreement of the Parties.

5. Other Provisions

5.1 The Memorandum does not limit the cooperation of the Parties with other relevant organizations/bodies and relevant stakeholders, as well as the cooperation of the Parties in other fields and on other media-related issues.

5.2 This Memorandum does not create any financial or other property obligations for the Parties. The Parties act on the basis of conscientiousness and moral commitment.

Signature of Parties

On behalf of the Commission on
Television and Radio

Tigran Hakobyan
President

On behalf of Media Ethics Observatory

Boris Navasardian
MEO authorized member