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To the National Council of Stakeholders

Representatives of NCOs working with EITI implementation in Kazakhstan consider it necessary to reflect on the overall socio-political situation in which NCOs operate. The EITI Standard includes a protocol on civil society participation, according to which any public organization has the right to express their opinion on issues related to the EITI. Therefore, the exclusion of any opinions from the initial assessment report would be a violation of the Standard. Moreover, subjective opinions are provided in the narrative section [stakeholder's views], and the Validator makes his/her own conclusions based on the review of the documents and consultation with all parties. NCO representatives did not support the comments proposed on behalf of the NCS on pages 6, 7, 7, 20, 21, 22, 48 related to the description of the situation in the country and the conditions in which civil society organizations operate. Therefore, representatives of CSOs in NCS cannot accept these comments.

At the same time, we recommend that each side sends its own comments to the Validator.

Best regards,

Representatives of the Dialogue Platform

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