



DEKLARATION OF ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT FOR CANDIDACY OF ALBANIA AS IMPLEMENTING COUNTRY ON THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (EITI).

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Honorable speaker

With this declaration on behalf of Albanian Government I take the opportunity to express and confirm publicly intention to proceed toward candidacy of Albania as implementing country on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

The letter sent by Prime Minister to Mr. **PETER EIGEN** on 16/01/ 2009 and the issue of the executive order of the Prime Minister of Albania, **Government of Albania decided to present the request for Albania to join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) as candidate implemented country.**

This decision it is part of our intention to proceed toward candidacy on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and at the same time to promote transparency and good management of natural resources wealth in my country.

The participation in this initiative follows the reforms we have already undertaken in this regard, with a view to increasing the transparency for all payments between the Albanian State and the Extractive Industries. It follows a broad economic, financial, and institutional reforms program, in which transparency and good management of natural resources wealth are considered of great importance. We consider these two factors as essential elements for the sustainable development of extractive industries.

Effective and transparent management of natural resource wealth could help public debate and inform choice of appropriate and realistic options for exploitation of natural resources and guarantee a sustainable development.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Albanian Government is seriously committed to start the validation process, in order to become a candidate implementing country with approval of the “Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative” Board and to declaration of this approval during the sessions of this Conference.

In order to meet the sign up indicators of this candidacy, the Albanian Government has already undertaken a range of activities. First, I would like to mention the establishment of the inter-institutional working group consisting of representatives from several state institutions, as well as groups of interest and the civil society, and second, the appointment of an individual who will be leading the implementation process.

The group will complete and publish the work plan in all information media, plan will include the targets to be achieved in accordance with a defined timetable for implementation, as well as the necessary capacities and measures for its completion, within the obligations and commitments that the Albanian Government will undertake towards the institutionalization of the implementation process of the Albania candidacy in “Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative” (EITI).

We will work hard towards endorsing all the criteria of the sign up process, actively contribute to fully support and will carry out all the necessary and required measures, for Albania to become an implementing country of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.



DEKLARATE E QEVERISE SHQIPTARE PER PJESEMARRJE TE SHQIPERISE SI VEND ZBATUES I NISMES PER TRANSPARENCE NE INDUSTRIE NXJERRESE (EITI)

I nderuar Zoti. **PETER EIGEN** Kryetar i Bordit te Nismes per Transparence ne Industrite Nxjerrese (EITI)

Te nderuar pjese marres te ketij sesioni te 4 –rt te Konferences Nderkombetare te Nismes per Transparence ne Industrite Nxjerrese (EITI)

I nderuar Drejtues i Seances

Me ane te kesaj deklarate ne emer te Qeverise Shqiptare shfrytezoj mundesine per te shprehur dhe konfirmuar publikisht deshiren e hyrjes se Shqiperise si vend zbatues i Nismes per Transparence ne Industrite Nxjerrese (EITI).

Me ane te letres se kryeministrit drejtuar zotit. **PETER EIGEN** me .../.../ 2009 dhe nepermjet daljes se urdherit te kryeministrit, qeveria shqiptare angazhohet te aplikoje per Shqiperine si vend zbatues i Nismes per Transparence ne Industrite Nxjerrese (EITI).

Ky vendim eshte pjese e veprimeve te shprehjes se deshires per zbatimin e hyrjes se Shqiperise si vend zbatues i Nismes per Transparence ne Industrite Nxjerrese (EITI) dhe per te promovuar transparencen dhe mire qeverisjen ne vendin tone.

Aderimi ne kete inisiative vjen si vazhdim i reformave te ndermara per kete qellim, ne menyre qe te rrise transparencen per gjithe pagesat qe kryhen midis Shtetit Shqiptar dhe Industrise Nxjerrese. Ai ndjek rrugen e nje programi te gjere ekonomik, financiar dhe reformimit institucional ku transparencia dhe mireqeverisja e burimeve natyrore ka nje rendesi te vecante. Keta dy faktore jane elemente esenciale per nje zhvillim te qendrueshem te industrise nxjerrese.

Menaxhimi efektiv e transparent i burimeve natyrore do te ndihmoje ne rritjen e debatit publik dhe informimin e tij per te gjetur opsionet me efektive ne shfrytezimin e tyre dhe garantimin e nje zhvillimi te qendrueshem.

Une me kenaqesi ju informoj se Qeveria Shqiptare eshte e angazhuar seriozisht dhe ka si qellim fillimin e procesit te vleresimit per tu bere nje vend zbatues kandidat me miratimin e bordit te Nismes per Transparence ne Industrite Nxjerrese (EITI) dhe publikimin e ketij miratimi gjate punimeve te kesaj konference.

Ne realizimin e hapave te nevojshem te ketij procesi anetaresimi Qeveria Shqiptare ka ndermare disa veprime: se pari do te permendja krijimin e grupit nderinstitucional te punes qe perbehet nga perfaqesues te institucioneve shteterore, dhe qe shtrihet me grupet e interesit

dhe shoqeria civile, dhe se dyti percaktimi i individit qe te drejtoje kete grup pergjate procesit.

Ky grup do te pregatise planin e veprimit qe do te publikohet dhe dhe te behet i vlefshem me te gjitha mjetet e informimit, plan i cili do te permbaje qellimet qe do te arrihen sipas nje skeduli te percaktuar dhe kapacitetet e nevojshme per realizimin e tij duke parashikuar masat perkatese per zbatimin dhe realizimin e tij brenda gjithë detyrimeve dhe angazhimeve qe Qeveria Shqiptare do te ndermare per institucionalizimin e procesit te kandidimit te Shqiperise prane Nismes per Transparence ne Industrite Nxjerrese (EITI).

Ne do te punojme ne arritjen e gjithë kerkesave qe rrjedhin nga procesi i anetaresimit si vend zbatues i EITI, do kontribojme ne menyre aktive dhe te qendrueshme dhe do te ndermarrim te gjitha hapat e nevojshme dhe te domosdoshme qe do te kerkohen per zbatimin e hyrjes se Shqiperise si vend zbatues i Nismes per Transparence ne Industrite Nxjerrese (EITI).