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# ADVISORY CENTRE ©PERATIONALIZATION MEETING

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Dear Delegates,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the second Operationalization Meeting of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution, hosted in Yerevan. This event represents a significant step in the ongoing efforts to enhance Investor-State dispute settlement reforms.

We are honored to facilitate this gathering in collaboration with the UNCITRAL Secretariat and are confident that your contributions will help shape a meaningful and constructive path forward.

We look forward to fruitful discussions and to strengthening international cooperation in the field of investment dispute resolution.

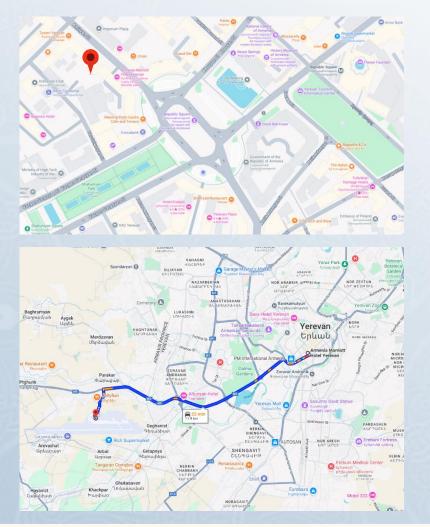
Sincerely,

Liparit Drmeyan

Deputy Representative of the Republic of Armenia on International Legal Matters

6-8 MAY 2025

## TRANSIT FROM ZVARTNOTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO YEREVAN CITY CENTER



The distance to the center of Yerevan (Republic Square) is short, only 12 kilometers / 7.5 miles. A journey can be 20-25 minutes depending on traffic conditions.

## **GETTING TO YEREVAN: AIRPORT TO CITY CENTER**

### **TAXI SERVICES**

Duration: 20-25 minutes Fixed Rate: 5000 AMD (~\$12) Save More with Apps:



**GG Taxi:** Affordable & user-friendly. GG Taxi is the most popular locally-developed ride-hailing app.

**Yandex GO:** Yandex GO is another reliable app-based taxi service, widely used for easy and fast transportation in Yerevan.

**ECO TAXI:** Eco Taxi is Armenia's first fully licensed taxi company offering an all-electric fleet, providing eco-friendly transportation throughout Yerevan.



**Airport Express Bus No. 201:** The bus operates daily from early morning until late at night, departing approximately every 30 minutes. The journey takes around 30–40 minutes, depending on traffic, and the fare is affordable (usually under 500 AMD (~\$1,2).





#### **ENTRY VISA**

Visa requirements for foreign nationals vary by country and are outlined on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: <u>https://www.mfa.am/en/visa/</u>. Simply select your passport type and country to access information on visa requirements, application procedures, and eligibility for e-visas or visa-free entry.

#### WEATHER

In early May, Yerevan experiences comfortable temperatures, with average daytime highs around 21°C (69.8°F) and nighttime lows near 9°C (48.2°F). The city receives moderate rainfall during this period, averaging approximately 57 mm over about 15 days in the month. Visitors can expect around 14 hours of daylight, making it a pleasant time to explore the city.



#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE**

For emergency medical assistance, please call Rescue Service (911) or Ambulance (103).

#### SAFETY

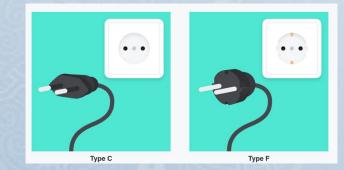
Armenia is renowned for its safe and welcoming environment, and its capital Yerevan stands out as a particularly secure city. In fact, Armenia is the 8th safest country in the world according to the 2024 safety and crime index of Numbeo. With low crime rates and a friendly community, visitors can feel at ease while exploring its vibrant streets. Basic precautions—like keeping an eye on your belongings in crowded areas—are all that's needed.

#### CURRENCY

Armenia's official currency is the dram (AMD). As of February 2025, commercial banks offer about 396.56 AMD per US Dollar and roughly 420 AMD per Euro. Currency exchanges are plentiful in Yerevan—in airports, banks, and supermarkets. While Visa, Mastercard, and American Express are widely accepted, it's wise to carry some cash.

#### ELECTRICITY

Armenia uses 220V-230V supply voltage and 50 Hz circuitry. Power outlets most commonly feature Type C and F sockets (two round pins).



#### ACCOMODATION

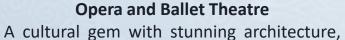
HOTEL NAME	INFORMATION
ARMENIA MARRIOTT HOTEL YEREVAN	Located on Republic Square, combines modern luxury with rich history.
THE ALEXANDER, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, YEREVAN	One of the most luxurious hotels in Yerevan, located in the city center.
TUFENKIAN HISTORIC YEREVAN HOTEL	Offers an authentic cultural experience.
GRAND HOTEL YEREVAN	Ideal for both tourists and business visitors, located in the city center.
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON YEREVAN CITY CENTRE	Walking distance to Republic Square and metro stations.
HOLIDAY INN YEREVAN - REPUBLIC SQUARE	Prime city center location near shopping and attractions.
RAMADA HOTEL & SUITES BY WYNDHAM YEREVAN	Ideal for business and leisure travelers.
GOLDEN PALACE HOTEL YEREVAN	Offers luxury and comfort with a central location.
BEST WESTERN PLUS CONGRESS HOTEL YEREVAN	Perfect for both leisure and business travelers, near English Park.



#### **DISCOVER THE CITY**

#### **Republic Square**

The heart of Yerevan, surrounded by government buildings and home to the famous musical fountains.



located near Freedom Square. You can buy tickets for concerts and events at the Opera House either at the ticket office or online





#### **Cascade Complex**

A massive stairway with sculptures, gardens, and a great view of Mount Ararat from the top. The Cascade Complex in Yerevan houses the Cafesjian Center for the Arts.

## **EXPERIENCE YEREVAN**



#### Matenadaran

The Institute of Ancient Manuscripts, holding one of the world's richest collections of medieval texts.

History Museum of Armenia & National Gallery Located in Republic Square, these museums showcase Armenia's rich history and art.





Megerian Carpet Armenia Renowned carpet manufacturer and showroom in Yerevan. Visitors can explore handmade rugs, learn about the craftsmanship, and historic designs and techniques. Spirit of Armenia Festival (May 2-5, 2025) Location: English Park, Yerevan

A vibrant celebration of Armenia's rich culture, featuring over 200 local participants offering a diverse selection of beverages, including wine, brandy, vodka, whisky, beer, and more. A great opportunity to enjoy local flavors and connect with the community.



**Victory Day: May 9** is a public holiday in Armenia, marked by military parades, commemorations, and ceremonies across the country honoring veterans and fallen soldiers.

## MEETING VENUE: ELITE PLAZA BUSINESS CENTER

The Elite Plaza Business Center is a modern and well-equipped venue located in the heart of Yerevan, at <u>15 Movses Khorenatsi Street, Yerevan</u> <u>0010</u>. Just a short walk from Republic Square, it offers a prime location that is easily accessible from major hotels and city landmarks. The center features state-of-the-art conference facilities and offers a professional and comfortable environment with modern interiors, excellent acoustics, and catering options.



# SEE YOU IN YEREVAN!

