Dear Bureau Members of LYMEC,

Please accept this letter as an application on behalf of Armenian National Congress Youth Association for reducing the membership fee debt.

Let me hereby shortly explain the current situation within the organization and briefly tell you about all causes which leaded us to this very unfavorable situation.

As opposition stakeholder who always urges the need of peaceful transition of power in Armenia we are always heavily targeted by the ruling Republican Party which tries to weaken us with the help of its limitless administrative/executive resource and direct prosecution against our members and supporters.

The main tool of the ruling party against opposition stakeholders is cutting and prosecuting by law all possible ways of funding. When our mother party – Armenian National Congress started negotiations with the second biggest group in the Parliament for creating larger opposition alliance, the tension against us became even harsher. Some of our members have been even arrested, fired from workplaces and even obliged to leave the country.

In addition to this, under such circumstances we have been obliged to make extraordinary expenses such as legal support to our imprisoned members etc. This entire situation leaded us to fail our financial responsibilities in LYMEC during the recent years and it is with a sincere regret that we admit this fact.

But at the same time LYMEC is a very important space for learning, exchanging experience as well as voicing important issues for our organization. Especially after 2014, when Armenia has been forced to change its international policy and join the Eurasian Customs Union, we highly appreciate all those networks where we have opportunities to cooperate with our colleagues from EU countries.

Taking into consideration the above-mentioned problems, we would like to kindly ask you to reduce the amount of our membership fee debt to 200 Euros for the period 2015-2017.

Thank you very much in advance.

Sincerely,

Eva Tovmasyan

International Officer