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ICITAP Program Background

• ICITAP First Engaged in 2003
• Program Suspended in 2011
• Resumed in 2020
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Armenia History – 6,000 Years in Three Minutes

“They’ve Been Through A Lot”
Seventy Years of Soviet Policing
State Control Versus Public Service
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Transition to Democracy

• Democracy with Corruption
• Increased Travel and Exposure
• Dissatisfaction with Authoritarians
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2018 Velvet Revolution

When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes a duty.
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Key Reform Leaders

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Problems Highlight Need for Change

- Change Driven by Society and Public
- Discrepancy Between Democratic Society and Old Soviet Policing
- New Government is Responsive
- Low Crime Rate but Systemic Corruption
- Citizen Dissatisfaction
  - Quality
  - Response Time
  - Accountability
  - Integrity
  - Professionalism
  - Up-to-Date Policing Methodology
  - No Community Policing/"Protect and Serve"
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Solutions

• Political Urgency
• International Best Models and Experience:
  • USA, Georgia, Ukraine
• Comprehensive and Systemic Police Reforms
• Patrol Police Selected
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Obstacles

• COVID-19
• 44-day War with Azerbaijan and Post-War Crisis
• Snap Elections
• Resistance to Change Inside the Police

Government Continues: No Cuts in Resources for Reform
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International Partners

• United States Government
• European Union
• World Bank
• United Nations Development Program
• Civil Society Active Engagement
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Results

- Legislation
- Structure
- Public Communication
- Recruitment
- Patrol Academy
- HR Police (appointments)
- 1300 Patrol Officers Currently in Service
- Police Training Officer Program (PTO)
- In-Service Training
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