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State Information and Analytical System of Public Procurement Management (SIAS)

ADVANTAGES:

- obligatory placement by the customer of information on planned and completed purchases in the current year
- transparency of procurement procedures, development of competition
- restricting the participation in procurement proceedings of suppliers non-performing the obligations
- lack of personal contact between the customer and the supplier to exclude corruption conspiracy
- link between the public procurement procedure and the Treasury that reserves monetary funds (contracts are not concluded without financing)
SIAS Advantages:

- In the public sector:
  - remote control by state bodies over the status and legitimacy of public procurement
  - business entities protection from corruption by authorized persons of each of the parties

- In the private sector:
  - timeliness of transactions and settlements
  - access to information on the procurement object and its peculiarities, prevailing prices in commodity markets and to the list of banned suppliers as well
  - search for procurement procedures available for suppliers
  - opportunity to appeal online against customer’s actions and decisions at any stage of procurement

PROPOSALS (within the OSCE)

TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT AND CONCLUSION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL TREATIES BY PARTICIPATING STATES ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- level and procedure of cooperation between anti-corruption bodies at any stage of examination, including prior to the initiation of criminal proceedings
- exchange of information on suspected in corruption persons and their assets
- order of forfeit and recovery of assets obtained by corrupt methods
- approval of standard forms of contracts used in procurement between participating countries
PROPOSALS (at national level)

to take measures to reduce the number of non-competitive procurement procedures

to ensure public access to complaints regarding procurement procedures

to develop conditions for lifting or easing restrictions on the access of foreign suppliers to national markets (on the basis of reciprocity)

to exclude illegal preferences to any legal entities (to develop a unified methodology for evaluating suppliers' proposals)

to take measures to eliminate (resolve) a conflict of interest between the customer and the supplier