Issuance of a new collector coin of the Republic of Armenia

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On October 5, 2026, the Central Bank of Armenia puts into circulation “COP17” silver collector coin dedicated to the 17th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.

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The UN Convention on Biological Diversity is one of the three global environmental conventions, coordinating international efforts to conserve biodiversity, ensure environmental sustainability, and promote the sustainable use of natural resources.
Its Conference of the Parties (COP) is the Convention’s highest decision-making body, meeting biennially with 196 Parties to advance implementation.
Armenia hosts COP17 in 2026 and holds the presidency until 2028, entrusted with advancing international efforts to address the pressing environmental challenges facing humanity.
The offcial COP17 logo features the Yerevan blue butterfly (Polyommatus eriwanensis), an endemic species listed in the Red Book of Armenia.

Obverse: the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia and a stylized tricolor flag.
Reverse: the COP17 logo, depicting a stylized “Yerevan Blue” butterfly, the inscriptions “COP17, YEREVAN, ARMENIA” and “TAKING ACTION FOR NATURE”.

Designer: Anna Kurghinyan.
The coin is minted at the Royal Dutch Mint.

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925

Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	300 pcs

The “COP17” collector coin, certificate of authenticity, and information booklet are made from recycled materials.