**The Resolution N117 of the Government of Georgia**

January 27, 2014

Tbilisi

**On Approval of the “Rule on Implementation of Certain Measures related to the Partial Reparation of Injuries to the Religious Unions Existing in Georgia, Inflicted during the Soviet Totalitarian Regime”**

**Article 1**

For ensuring requirements provided in the Article 38th of the Constitution of Georgia, “The Rule on Implementation of Certain Measures related to the Partial Reparation of Injuries to the Religious Unions Existing in Georgia, Inflicted during the Soviet Totalitarian Regime” shall be approved in accordance with the subparagraph Z8 of the Article 5th of the Law of Georgia on Structure, Authority and Rule of Activity of the Government of Georgia.

**Article 2**

The Ministry of Finance of Georgia shall submit proposals for allocation of funds for reparation of injuries inflicted to the religious unions, during 1 month period after entry into force of this Resolution.

**Article 3**

This Resolution shall enter into force upon publication.

*Prime-Minister Irakli Gharibashvili*

**The Rule on Implementation of Certain Measures related to the Partial Reparation of Injuries to the Religious Unions Existing in Georgia, Inflicted during the Soviet Totalitarian Regime**

**Article 1**

1. The Government of Georgia reaffirms the injury, inflicted to the Apostolic Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Georgia in XIX-XX centuries (especially in 1921-90 years), during the period of loss of state sovereignty as recognized by the Constitutional Agreement between the State of Georgia and the Apostolic Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Georgia.
2. Simultaneously, the Government of Georgia recognizes damage to the religious unions existing in Georgia, inflicted during the Soviet totalitarian regime (hereinafter – during Soviet regime).
3. This rule shall apply to the following religious unions, registered as legal entities of public laws before adoption of this Decree: Islamic, Judean, Roman-Catholic and Armenian Apostolic unions.

**Article 2**

1. Government of Georgia, in compliance with  the present Rule:
2. Declares readiness in accordance to the present rule, to partially compensate   material and moral damage faced during the  Soviet regime by religious organizations determined by the Paragraph 3rd of the Article 1 of this Rule;
3. Admits, that  the exact amount of the damage mentioned in paragraph “a” is unidentified and therefore compensation of damage will have thy symbolic meaning;
4. Will compensate damage to Religious organizations named in the Paragraph 3rd of the Article 1 of this Rule by the annual allocation of money from the state budget;
5. Considering the fact that   religious organizations registered in Georgia are not legally connected with the communities and organizations who were damaged during the Soviet regime, Government of Georgia will compensate damage to those religious organization, which recognizes the same religious doctrine  or/and it has denominational heritage with injured organization.

**Article 3**

1. The damage suffered during the Soviet regime will be compensated only for one religious union or to the religious union that has denominational heritage with injured organization.
2. If there are more than one religious unions which are registered under the name of the union/denomination which suffered damage during the Soviet regime,  they should conduct one of the following activities till 1st of May 2014:
3. To unite as one legal entity of public law through the process of reorganization, that will be entitled to receive the compensation;
4. To establish coordinating council, comprising members of the religious unions with same beliefs that will be entitled to communicate with the government on behalf of their denomination and to receive the compensation;
5. To provide written confirmation that one of them is representative of the denomination and is entitled to receive compensation.

**Article 4**

1. The recommendation on amount of reparation of injuries for religious unions shall be adopted on the meeting of the Inter Agency Commission on Certain Issues related to the Religious Unions, established by the Resolution #305 of the Government of Georgia on November 29, 2013. The recommendation shall be submitted to the Government of Georgia, which issues decree in relation to this issue.
2. The Government of Georgia is solely authorized to determine annual amount of sum to be transferred to the religious unions and its issuance procedures.

**Article 5**

1. The sum of money determined by the Paragraph 2nd of the Article 4th of this Rule is divided and is monthly transferred to religious unions.
2. Religious union, which receives the compensation according to the present Rule, is entitled to spent sum of money to restore or build places of warship, to support educational and publishing activities, to conduct warship, to acquire the property and to implement any activities permitted by the legislation of Georgia.