

Decree of the President of Georgia

#625

December 26, 2008

Tbilisi

Composition and Charter of Interagency Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

1. An Interagency Council for Prevention of Domestic Violence shall be established with the following composition:

Lali Papishvili	- Judge, Constitutional Court of Georgia, Chairperson of the Interagency Council
Irakli Giorgobiani	- First Deputy Minister Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection
Ekaterine Zguladze	- First Deputy Minister Ministry of Internal Affairs
Nino Kaladadze	- Deputy Minister Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Tamar Kintsurashvili	- Adviser to the President of Georgia
Dimitri Dzagnidze (6.07.2009 #382)	- Deputy Minister Ministry of Justice
Irine Kurdadze (27.10.2009 #755)	- First Deputy Minister Ministry of Education and Science
Ketevan Khutsishvili	- Independent Expert

2. The following people shall be invited to participate in the work of the Interagency Council
(12.10.2009 #705)

Lela Bakradze	-- UNFPA Representative
Dorothy Bell	- Political-Economic Assistant, US Embassy
Koba Bochorishvili	- Chairman, Center for Protection of Constitutional Rights
Ia Dadunashvili	- ILO Representative
Giorgi Vashakidze	- Specialist, Rule of Law Project, USAID
Marina Tabukashvili	- Chairman, Fund "TASO"
Rusudan Kervalishvili	- Deputy Chairman, Parliament of Georgia
Donald Carroll	- Political Officer, US Embassy

Joy Davy Kichner	- Political Officer, US Embassy
Irina Lortkipanidze	- ABA Representative
Natia Imnadze	- Head of Monitoring and Investigation Department, Ombudsman's Office of Georgia
Tamar Sabedashvili	- UNIFEM Representative
Natia Partskhaladze	- UNICEF Representative
Melinda Fontain	- Political Officer, US Embassy
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Rusudan Pkhakadze	- Chairperson, NGO "Sakhli"
Nino Kochishvili	- Representative of EU Commission in Georgia
Nato Shavlakadze	- Chairperson, National Network of Protection against Violence
Natia Cherkezishvili	- UNDP representative
Khatuna Chitanava	- GYLA Representative
Mark Hulst	- Anti-Trafficking Program Officer, IOM

3. The attached Charter of the Interagency Council for Prevention of Domestic Violence shall be approved.
4. The decree shall enter into force upon publication

Micheil Saakashvili

Approved by the Decree of
President #626,
December 26, 2008

Charter of the Interagency Council for Prevention of Domestic Violence

Article 1. General Provisions

1. The Interagency Council for Prevention of Domestic Violence (hereinafter referred to as "the Interagency Council") is established pursuant to the Presidential decree.
2. The Interagency Council acts according to the Constitution of Georgia, International Agreements of Georgia, Georgian legislation and this charter.
3. The structure, competence and activities of the Interagency Council are regulated by this charter.

Article 2. Structure of the Interagency Council

1. Composition of the Interagency Council is defined by the Government of Georgia and approved by the President of Georgia through a decree.

2. In addition to representatives of state bodies, members of the council are representatives of non-governmental and international organizations active in the sector, representatives of mass media, experts and scientists.
3. The Council Chairperson can invite representatives of the Parliament and Government of Georgia, heads of government bodies, representatives of non-governmental and international organizations, to participate in the work of the Council.
4. A member of the Council can be discharged at the initiative of the President of Georgia or by a nominating body.

Article 3. Objectives of the Interagency Council

The basic objectives of the Interagency Council are:

- a) To support efficient implementation of functions of state organizations working on the issues of elimination, prevention and combating domestic violence, as well as assistance to, protection and rehabilitation of victims and to ensure coordination of their activities.
- b) To develop proposals on combating and elimination of domestic violence and causes of domestic violence, and to present them to the President of Georgia for review;
- c) In the process of reviewing the issues of elimination of domestic violence, protection of and assistance to victims, to cooperate closely with state bodies of Georgia, non-governmental sector, international and local organizations working on the issues and to develop joint proposals for submission to the President of Georgia.
- d) Monitoring the prevention of domestic violence.

Article 4. Work Organization of the Interagency Council

1. The Chairperson of the Interagency Council chairs the Council and its meetings. The chairperson is appointed by the President of Georgia from the members of the Council.
2. In case of chairperson's absence, one of the members of the Council, designated by the chairperson, implements his/her functions.
3. Meetings of the Interagency Council are convened based on necessity, but not less than twice a year (5.10.2009 #664).
4. The Chairperson of the Interagency Council can convene the Council meetings earlier than scheduled.
5. The Secretary of the Interagency Council's Meetings conducts preparatory works for the meetings.
6. The Chairperson of the Interagency Council and other members of the Council are authorized to present issues at the meetings.
7. The Interagency Council has a valid quorum if more than half of its members are present.
8. The decisions of the Interagency Council are made by a simple majority of votes. If the votes are equal, the vote of the chairman is decisive.
9. The meetings of the Interagency Council are recorded in formal minutes that are signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

Article 4¹. Victim Identification Group (5.10.2009 #664)

1. In order to implement its objectives, the Interagency Council establishes a Group for Granting the Status of Victim of Domestic Violence (hereinafter referred to as “the Victim Identification Group”) that has coordinator and experts.
2. The Interagency Council defines composition, competence, and activities of the Victim Identification Group.

Article 5. Conclusions

Amendments and additions to the charter are made by a decree of the President of Georgia.