



**ACTION PLAN  
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA  
ON THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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List of Abbreviations

<b>CEC</b>	Central Election Commission of Georgia
<b>EMIS</b>	Education Management Information System
<b>EIEC</b>	Center of Environmental Information and Education
<b>Geostat</b>	National Statistic Office of Georgia
<b>HCoJ</b>	High Council of Justice of Georgia
<b>LEPL</b>	Legal Entity of Public Law
<b>MES</b>	Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia
<b>MFA</b>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<b>MoC</b>	Ministry of Corrections of Georgia
<b>MoD</b>	Ministry of Defence of Georgia
<b>MoE</b>	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
<b>MoESD</b>	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
<b>MoF</b>	Ministry of Finance of Georgia
<b>MoIA</b>	Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia
<b>MoJ</b>	Ministry of Justice of Georgia
<b>MoLHSA</b>	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
<b>MRA</b>	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons From the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia
<b>MRDI</b>	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure
<b>NCDC</b>	National Center for Disease Control and Public Health
<b>PPTC</b>	Penitentiary and Probation Training Centre of the Ministry of Corrections
<b>SMR</b>	Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality
<b>TPDC</b>	National Center for Teacher Professional Development

**1. The Principle of Justice of the Criminal Code**

<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
1. review of the criminal code and promotion of the principle of equality of arms	1.1. initiation of necessary legislative reforms in the Criminal Procedure Code	1.1.1. promotion of the adversarial principle and the right to counsel	Ministry of Justice (MoJ); Main Prosecutor's Office; Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA)	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
		1.1.2. reform of plea bargaining	Criminal Justice Reform Council	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
		1.1.3. jury trial reform; in particular, the rules on jury trial coverage	Criminal Justice Reform Council	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
		1.1.4. improvement of the rights of victims	Criminal Justice Reform Council	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
		1.1.5. protection of the right to privacy and the raising of standards	MoJ; MoIA; in cooperation with the High Council of Justice of Georgia (HCoJ)		Initiation of relevant legislative changes
	1.2. initiation of legislative changes for the purposes of	1.2.1. draft amendments for 'General Part' of the Code	MoJ; Main Prosecutor's Office; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes

	liberalizing the Criminal Code, formulating clear and ascertainable norms, and extending the discretion of judges	1.2.2. draft amendments for ‘Private Part’ of the Code	MoJ; Main Prosecutor’s Office; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
	1.3. thorough examination of the Code of Administrative Offences of Georgia	1.3.1. systematic overhaul of the Code of Administrative Offences; reform of rules on administrative detention in accordance with standards of fair trials	MoJ; Main Prosecutor’s Office; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Conclusion of close examinations of the Code of Administrative Offences of Georgia; the annual report of the Public Defender of Georgia (Ombudsman)
	1.4. improvement of the protection of human rights in the criminal justice system through the enhancement of the role of the judge	1.4.1. analysis of the role of the judge in the substantive and procedural laws of the Criminal Code, and in accordance with the norms on administrative offences, with the object of securing and maintaining high standards of human rights protection, as well as preventing and providing necessary redress for any violations of such rights	MoJ; MoIA; in cooperation with HCoJ	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation of relevant research, the results of which are freely accessible to the public
		1.4.2. on the basis of findings stipulated in clause 1.4.1. (above), the drafting of legislative proposals for presentation to the relevant legislative body	MoJ; in cooperation with HCoJ	<b>2015</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes

<b>2. Independent, Accountable and Transparent Justice System</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
2. improvement of right of fair trial	2.1. promotion of the idea of greater independence of the judiciary and accordingly, compliance with right of fair trial principles	<p>2.1.1. initiation of legislative changes on the rules governing the selection of personnel for the judiciary; formulation of criteria for the monitoring and assessment of individual judges appointed for a 3-year term, prior to an indefinite appointment; establishment of substantive independence through the guarantee of a judiciary that is free from any outside interference; introduction of objective criteria for the random distribution of cases; overall maximization of the level of transparency of the High Council of Justice of Georgia</p> <p>2.1.2. provision of an adequate level of remuneration for magistrates and the establishment of a system of social protection for individual judges</p>	MoJ; Ministry of Finance (MoF); in cooperation with HCoJ	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes

	2.2. improvement of the system of accountability of judges, through support of the principles of fairness, objectivity and personal independence of judges	2.2.1. preparation and submission of legislative changes in redefining and increasing the overall transparency of disciplinary proceedings; optimization of the various stages of litigation	MoJ; in cooperation with HCoJ and the Disciplinary Panel of the Judges of Common Court	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
	2.3. improvement of the transparency of the judicial system, through the fair balancing of public and judicial interests	2.3.1. preparation and presentation of proposals for the purposes of improving the legislative base for regulating the publicity of judicial acts	MoJ; in cooperation with HCoJ	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
	2.4. strengthening the qualifications of judges	2.4.1. technical and financial support of the High School of Justice of Georgia, in the preparation and enhancement of the qualifications of judges, through the provision of continuous training programs; consistent protection of human rights and the meeting of international standards in the criminal justice sphere	MoF; in cooperation with the High School of Justice of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Provision of adequate resources to the High School of Justice of Georgia for the preparation of magistrates and the initiation of continuous training programs to regularly strengthen their qualifications



**3. Prosecutor’s Office**

Aim	Objective	Action/Measure	Responsible Body	Timeframe	Indicator
<p>3. a fair, transparent and effective Prosecutor’s Office, oriented on human rights</p>	<p>3.1. formulation of a criminal justice policy that is reactive and preventative against crime</p>	<p>3.1.1. coordination of the objective to formulate a criminal justice policy (for the Prosecutor’s Office), with the cooperation of other law enforcement agencies and in consideration of judicial practices and the legislative base; full participation of the public sector</p>	<p>Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia; MoIA</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of relevant research and analyses</li> <li>• Preparation of relevant recommendations</li> <li>• Number of meetings of the group of criminologists</li> </ul>
	<p>3.2. reform of the existing system of internal controls at the Prosecutor’s Office, to ensure the effectiveness and independence of the internal system</p>	<p>3.2.1. review of the regulatory bases and practices of the existing system of <del>internal</del> controls; formulation of guiding principles of the reforms; preparation of documentation for internal policy and legislative changes</p>	<p>Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia</p>	<p><b>2014</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of relevant recommendations</li> <li>• Preparation of relevant legislative changes</li> <li>• Parliamentary Report of the Public Defender of Georgia</li> </ul>
	<p>3.3. strengthening the qualifications of prosecutors and the introduction of international forms of work practices</p>	<p>3.3.1. selection, preservation and professional advancement of qualified personnel</p>	<p>Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of employment standards for the Prosecutor’s Office</li> <li>• Review of assessment criteria for the selection process</li> <li>• Review of procedural framework in the offering of positions</li> <li>• Creation of a system of oaths</li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination of training needs</li> </ul>
3.4. enhancement of the transparency and accountability of the Prosecutor’s Office	<p>3.4.1. development of a Prosecutor’s Office oriented on the public</p> <p>3.4.2. review of existing criminal cases relating to human rights violations and the publication of reports</p> <p>3.4.3. engagement of local councils and encouragement of frequent meetings</p>	Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation and approval of a strategy and action plan on public relations</li> <li>• Number of completed public projects</li> <li>• Number of events held to raise the awareness of the public</li> <li>• Number of actions taken by the Witnesses and Victims Coordinators Service</li> <li>• Number of local council meetings</li> <li>• Parliamentary Report of the Public Defender of Georgia</li> <li>• Number of briefings held</li> </ul>	
3.5. modification of the organizational structure of the Prosecutor’s Office	3.5.1. management of staff to ensure effectiveness and high quality of performance	Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Equipping the various organs of the Prosecutor’s Office with an appropriate number of qualified personnel	
3.6. establishment and use of preventive measures other than detention and bail	3.6.1. review of legislative basis for the establishment and use of preventive measures other than detention and bail; drafting of proposals and preparation of documentation on subsequent policy	Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics on the use of preventive measures other than detention and bail</li> <li>• Parliamentary Report of the Public Defender of Georgia</li> </ul>	
3.7. Expansion of non-traditional	3.7.1. active employment of discretionary powers	Office of the Chief	<b>2014-2015</b>	Statistics on the increased use of discretionary powers	

	forms of restorative justice by the prosecution in criminal proceedings and their transparent application		Prosecutor of Georgia; in cooperation with the MoJ		
<b>4. Activities of Law Enforcement Agencies</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
4. improvement of standards of investigation and crime prevention in the police system	4.1. development of human resources through extensive training programs focused on human rights protection	4.1.1. improvement of investigative capabilities of the police force through basic, as well as specialized, tactical and investigative training courses	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of the trainings carried out</li> <li>• Number of trained personnel</li> </ul>
		4.1.2. training of MoIA staff on human trafficking and migration issues	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of the trainings carried out
		4.1.3. training of MoIA staff on the appropriate treatment of minors and related legal and psychological issues	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of new components in the training programs at the MoIA Police Academy</li> <li>• Number of trained personnel</li> </ul>
		4.1.4. improvement of human rights protection in temporary detention isolators (TDIs), through staff training programs; designing a new curriculum and specialized training	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of new standards of operation at TDIs</li> <li>• Number of trained personnel, nationwide</li> </ul>

	4.2. balancing of human rights and social issues	courses			
		4.2.1. informing detainees of their rights through the use of printed material	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction of the number of complaints to the Public Defender and the Office of the Chief Prosecutor; acknowledgment of such complaints</li> <li>• Annual parliamentary and special reports of the Public Defender</li> </ul>
		4.2.2. reform of existing system of controls for MoIA staff to improve (investigative and preventative) operational standards and ensure the effectiveness and independence of current mechanisms	MoIA; Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination of relevant needs</li> <li>• Preparation of relevant recommendations</li> <li>• Consideration of similar experiences in other countries</li> <li>• Initiation of relevant legislative changes</li> </ul>
		4.2.3. review of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and behavioral code for TDIs of the MoIA, in the defense of basic human rights and freedoms and in accordance with international standards; with the cooperation of the Prosecutor's Office	MoIA; Main Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of SOPs and behavioral code</li> <li>• Improvement of operative standards</li> </ul>
	4.2.4. prevention of crime through raising awareness among minors	MoIA; Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (MES); Ministry of Sport and	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of schools and pupils involved in project	

			Youth Affairs of Georgia		
		4.2.5. ensuring transparency of police activity through continual flow of information to the public via internet, social media, radio and television broadcasts and informative brochures	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Information provided via MoIA website; broadcasts; brochures
	4.3. development of infrastructure at MoIA	4.3.1. development of infrastructure in TDIs and subsequent improvement of conditions	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Improvement of infrastructure in TDIs
		4.3.2. development of MoIA infrastructure in the fight against illegal migration	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Refinement of procedures dealing with the deportation of illegal immigrants

**5. The Penitentiary System**

<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
5.1. reform the penitentiary system in accordance with international standards	5.1.1. holistic review of the laws and internal regulations of the penitentiary system and the implementation of	5.1.1. consideration of international recommendations and preparation of documentation for relevant legislative changes	Ministry of Corrections (MoC); Criminal Justice Reform Inter-Agency Coordination	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes

	changes, if necessary		Council		
5.1.2. evaluation of administration at the penitentiary department	5.1.2.1. improvement of internal administration and management at the penitentiary department	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of SOPs</li> <li>• Strengthening of administration and internal controls mechanisms</li> </ul>	
	5.1.2.2. review of qualification requirements and job descriptions of current and future staff members, as well as their certification	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed qualification requirements and job descriptions for staff</li> <li>• Number of certified staff</li> </ul>	
	5.1.2.3. human rights oriented training of staff across the penitentiary system, including the administrative, internal controls and management departments	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of certified, trained staff	
5.1.3. improvement of standards of detention and the conditions for detainees, including the specific needs of vulnerable groups such as women, minors and persons with disabilities	5.1.3.1. revised classifications of penitentiary establishments	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Percentage of people deprived of/limited in their liberty across various penitentiary establishments, in accordance with risks and reintegration requirements	
	5.1.3.2. renovation and maintenance of existing facilities/ penitentiary establishments	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of renovated facilities; annual parliamentary and special reports of the Public Defender	
	5.1.3.3. regular review of the adequate nutrition of prisoners and the raising of standards based on such findings	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Provision of adequate nutrition for prisoners; regular review of nutritional standards	

	5.1.3.4. regular maintenance of sanitary facilities to ensure personal hygiene and the provision of basic necessities for prisoners in penitentiary establishments	MoC	2014-2015	Number of prisoners provided with basic necessities (soft inventory) and conditions of sanitary facilities in penitentiary establishments; annual parliamentary and special reports of the Public Defender
	5.1.3.5. provision of sufficient and appropriate space/facilities to promote long-term visitations by family members and enhance the likelihood of successful reintegration of prisoners	MoC	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of long-term visitation spaces provided</li> <li>• Number of prisoners provided with the right of visitation</li> <li>• Reports of the Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>
	5.1.3.6. enhancement of communications procedures with prisoners' families/other interested individuals	MoC	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of reception facilities provided</li> <li>• Number of people receiving enhanced communications services</li> <li>• Installment of comment boxes at the reception facilities</li> <li>• Inspection of comment boxes and evaluation of comments</li> </ul>
	5.1.3.7. provision of adequate healthcare to all accused and convicted prisoners, in accordance with nationally recognized professional and medical care standards	MoC	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mortality rates at penitentiary establishments</li> <li>• Examination, testing and treatment rates of infectious diseases (such as HIV/Aids, tuberculosis and hepatitis-C), as well as their transmission rates</li> <li>• Ratio of healthcare professionals to prisoners</li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rates of uptake and utilization of primary and specialized medical care (referral)</li> </ul>
		5.1.3.8. creation of special conditions for women -minors	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement of the normative and legislative base</li> <li>• Study and evaluation of the infrastructural improvements needed at penitentiary establishments so as to better serve the specific needs of (accused/convicted) women detainees, minors and persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Incorporation of evaluations into future infrastructure development projects</li> </ul>
	5.1.4. rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners	5.1.4.1. creation of special working spaces and facilities to develop skills of prisoners and instill a healthy work ethic	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of working zones set up across various penitentiary establishments</li> <li>• Number of employed prisoners on state-governed employment contracts</li> </ul>
		5.1.4.2. improvement of the level of education provided across penitentiary establishments and enhancement of opportunities for prisoners to receive access to a variety of educational and vocational programs	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing educational, professional and vocational courses within penitentiary establishments in line with national standards</li> <li>• Number of prisoners enrolled and certified on such courses</li> </ul>



		5.1.4.3. formulation of effective rehabilitation and service provision programs	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of prisoners in various rehabilitation programs
		5.1.4.4. propagation of 'individual sentence planning' methodology, through a series of pilot schemes	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of prisoners in such pilot schemes
	5.1.5. further strengthen parole and early release mechanisms	5.1.5.1. development of the rules on parole and early release	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased number of Local Councils for Early Conditional Release;</li> <li>• Establishment of a special council to deal with women prisoners</li> <li>• Number of reviewed, commuted and substituted sentences</li> </ul>
		5.1.5.2. decision-making of Local Councils for Early Conditional Release, as well as the Standing Commission on the Revocation of Probationary Sentences, to be conducted in consideration of the methodology of individual sentence planning pilot schemes	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Improvements in quality and quantity of decisions made in accordance with existing pilot schemes
	5.1.6. strengthening of procedural and legal safeguards for prisoners	5.1.6.1. raising the awareness of prisoners of their rights to submit grievances in cases of administrative and disciplinary procedural shortfalls	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount of printed material on prisoners' rights and provision of multilingual, informative brochures/leaflets</li> <li>• Number of brochures handed out to prisoners at their request</li> </ul>
		5.1.6.2. provision of access to grievance procedure in the Prison	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of grievance envelopes collected

		Code			
	5.1.7. effective operation of the MoC and its internal controls mechanisms	5.1.7.1. review of MoC internal controls mechanisms; formulation and implementation of new methodologies	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Introduction of new methodologies in future training schemes
	5.1.8. establishment of an effective public monitoring mechanism within the MoC	5.1.8.1. creation of a monitoring agency comprised of NGO representatives	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiation of relevant legislative changes</li> <li>• Establishment of monitoring agency; formulation of methodologies; full training of representatives within the agency</li> </ul>
5.2. structural integrity of the probationary system	5.2.1. increasing the administrative capabilities of the LEPL National Service of Execution of Non-Custodial Sentences and Probation ('National Probation Agency')	5.2.1.1. development of infrastructure	National Probation Agency	<b>2014</b>	Movement of central offices and Tbilisi Probation Bureau to a new, refurbished site
		5.2.1.2. development of the probation service structure	National Probation Agency	<b>2014</b>	Development of rehabilitation programs
		5.2.1.3. lessening of the burden on agency employees	National Probation Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Average number of probationers per agency employee
		5.2.1.4. organization of video-conferencing	National Probation Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Expansion and increased provision of video-conferencing services
		5.2.1.5. setting up of the limited liberty/halfway house establishment	National Probation Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Successful functioning of the limited liberty/halfway house establishment
		5.2.1.6. strengthening the	National	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of trained agency staff

		qualifications of staff members	Probation Agency		
5.2.2. development of the legislative base	5.2.2.1. consideration of international recommendations and preparation of documentation for relevant legislative changes	MoC; National Probation Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation and initiation of relevant legislative changes	
5.2.3. improvement of system of supervision	5.2.3.1. collation and management of a special electronic database	National Probation Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Percentage of registered probationers on the database	
	5.2.3.2. collaboration of agency staff with prisoners in the formulation of assessments of risks, requirements and individual sentence plans	National Probation Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Statistics on formulation of assessments of risk, requirements and individual sentence plans	
5.2.4. initiation of rehabilitation programs and increased involvement of the public	5.2.4.1. initiation of various rehabilitation programs for probationers	National Probation Agency; non-governmental sector	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of prisoners involved in rehabilitation programs	
	5.2.4.2. endorsement of employment opportunities for probationers	National Probation Agency; public and private sectors	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of employed probationers	
	5.2.4.3. encouragement of probationers to get involved in various sporting activities	National Probation Agency; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of probationers involved in sporting activities	

			of Georgia		
		5.2.4.4. organization of interesting and informative cultural events	National Probation Agency; non-governmental organizations (NGOs)	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of probationers involved in informative cultural events
		5.2.4.5. organization of charity events and humanitarian activities	National Probation Agency; NGOs	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of probationers involved in charitable and humanitarian events
	5.2.5. raising public awareness on the activities and projects of the National Probation Agency	5.2.5.1. annual report of the National Probation Agency	National Probation Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Adequate level of informative resources available to the public on Agency activities and projects
		5.2.5.2. preparation and dissemination of informative brochures and television broadcasts	National Probation Agency; civil organizations	<b>2014-2015</b>	Adequate level of informative resources available to the public on Agency activities and projects
5.3. maintenance of high levels of human rights protection in the social reintegration/ rehabilitation programs of former prisoners	5.3.1. formulation of an single, uniform strategy for the social reintegration / rehabilitation of former prisoners	5.3.1.1. formulation of a uniform strategy and action plan, in accordance with recommendations of international organizations	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs; Penitentiary Department of the MoC; National Probation Agency	<b>2014</b>	Preparation of relevant documentation

	5.3.2. continuation of the rehabilitation process	5.3.2.1. initial employment within penitentiary establishment prior to release; preparation for release	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs; Penitentiary Department of the MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of former prisoners involved in rehabilitative programs
	5.3.3. improvement of rehabilitation programs for former prisoners and their family members	5.3.3.1. creation of rehabilitation programs for former prisoners and their family members	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of former prisoners and their family members involved in such rehabilitative programs
		5.3.3.2. supporting employment of former prisoners	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of employed former prisoners
		5.3.3.3. supporting involvement of former prisoners in sporting activities	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of former prisoners and their family members involved in sporting activities
	5.3.3.4. supporting involvement of former prisoners in cultural and	LEPL Center for Crime	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of former prisoners and their family members involved in cultural	

		scientific activities/events	Prevention and Innovative Programs		and scientific activities/events
		5.3.3.5. enhancement of qualifications of workers with former prisoners	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs	2014-2015	Number of re-trained staff
	5.3.4. professional training of former prisoners	5.3.4.1. access to professional training for former prisoners	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs; MES	2014-2015	Number of former prisoners undergoing professional training/education
	5.3.5. raising public awareness and involvement	5.3.5.1. annual report of LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs	2014-2015	Adequate level of informative resources available to the public
		5.3.5.2. preparation of brochures, booklets, leaflets, posters, television broadcasts and organization of informative social campaigns	LEPL Center for Crime Prevention and Innovative Programs	2014-2015	Adequate level of informative resources available to the public

**6. Torture and Other Forms of Ill-treatment**

<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>6. fight against torture and other</b>	6.1. improvement of the legislative base	6.1.1. appropriate measures to be adopted in the National Action Plan	MoJ; MoC; Main	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations of UN Treaty Bodies and the European</li> </ul>

<b>forms of ill-treatment</b>	for the protection of accused, convicted and detained persons from ill-treatment	<p>for the Fight Against Ill-treatment</p> <p>6.1.2. reevaluation of the legislative base and internal policies governing actions taken against the ill-treatment of accused, convicted and detained persons, in order to ensure efficiency and accordance with international standards</p> <p>6.1.3. preparation for legislative changes resulting from analyses of measures taken to reform plea bargaining (1.1.2. above); improvement of internal policies</p>	Prosecutor's Office; MoIA; in cooperation with the Public Defender		<p>Committee for the Prevention of Torture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations of the legislative/regulatory reforms package; guidelines of the Chief Prosecutor</li> <li>• Public announcements</li> <li>• Reports of National Preventive Mechanism of the Public Defender</li> </ul>
	6.2. improvement of living conditions and institutional treatment of accused, convicted and detained persons	6.2.1. improvement of living conditions through regular monitoring and implementation of necessary measures, in accordance with international standards	Government of Georgia; MoC; Ministry of Defence (MoD); MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Legislative reforms package; assessments and recommendations of national and international monitoring mechanisms
		6.2.2. creation of an adequate regime and safe environment to conduct rehabilitation and treatment, in accordance with international standards and the express participation of international experts	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	Assessments and recommendations of national and international monitoring mechanisms; legislative reforms package; report of the National Preventive Mechanism

	6.3. internal (inspection) and external monitoring of living conditions and institutional treatment of accused, convicted and detained persons	6.3.1. improvement of the internal (inspection) monitoring mechanism of accused, convicted and detained persons, by means of legislative changes and installation of internal regulations (e.g. regular inspections, greater independence and the timely response to grievances and other requests)	Government of Georgia; MoJ; MoC; Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs (MoLHSA); Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector; MoIA; in cooperation with the Public Defender	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes in regulatory legislation;</li> <li>• Review of administrative principles, inspections procedures and methods of reporting</li> <li>• Adequate financial provisions</li> <li>• Report of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>
		6.3.2. enhancement of audio-video monitoring systems in penitentiary establishments; enhancement of technical assistance, the safeguarding and extension of the period of retention of data, in accordance with international principles on privacy and data protection	Government of Georgia; MoC; Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector; in cooperation with the Public Defender	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes in regulatory legislation</li> <li>• Review of administrative principles, inspections procedures and methods of reporting</li> <li>• Adequate financial provisions</li> <li>• Report of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>



		6.3.3. strengthening of external monitoring mechanisms and inter-agency cooperation to improve the living conditions and treatment of accused, convicted and detained persons; this includes the Office of the Public Defender, as well as the National Preventive Mechanism; preparation of documentation and drafting of proposals for changes in regulatory legislation	Government of Georgia; MoJ; MoC; MoIA; in cooperation with the Public Defender	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports on and responses to monitoring mechanisms</li> <li>• Changes in legislation</li> <li>• Changes to internal policy, set out in the report of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>
	6.4. refinement of statistical data on the ill-treatment of accused, convicted and detained persons, requisite counteractions	<p>6.4.1. updating the system of admission, registration and accounting of accused, convicted and detained persons in penitentiary establishments</p> <p>6.4.2. generation, finalization and systemization of statistical data, to better analyze ill-treatment growth/reduction rates</p>	MoIA; Prosecutor's Office; MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved accounting system</li> <li>• Generated statistical data and its analysis; set out in the report of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>
	6.5. continued training of staff and development of their capabilities to prevent, redress and investigate cases of torture and other forms of ill-	6.5.1. recognition of potential growth capabilities of training facilities in the prevention of ill-treatment; increasing cooperation between institutions; development of educational standards, resources and teaching methods, in accordance with international	MoC; Penitentiary and Probation Training Centre of the MoC (PPTC); MoIA Police Academy; Main	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full mobilization of the PPTC</li> <li>• Consideration of recommendations for increased capabilities of training facilities, during drafting of the Action Plan</li> <li>• Periodic assessment of needs</li> <li>• Changes in/new training programs; reports</li> </ul>

	treatment, as well as to protect the interests of victims	standards	Prosecutor's Office; MoD; MoJ; Training Center of Justice at MoJ		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of civil servants that have participated in continued training programs</li> </ul>
	6.6. conducting of full-scale, impartial, timely and meaningful investigations on reports of torture and other forms of ill-treatment; criminal prosecution of offenders; combating impunity in any reported cases	6.6.1. increased accountability and democratic supervision of law enforcement agencies; creation of a professional, independent, powerful and trustworthy mechanism to deal with cases of offences committed by public prosecutors, police officers etc.; comprehensive, professional, obligatory training for all law enforcement representatives on human rights and ethical standards	Government of Georgia; MoJ; Main Prosecutor's Office; MoIA; MoC; MoD; administration within penitentiary establishments	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessments and recommendations of national and international monitoring mechanisms</li> <li>• Legal/systems research analysis</li> <li>• Changes in legislative and internal policies</li> <li>• Reports of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>
		6.6.2. formulation of methods and tactical guidelines for the proper examination of cases of torture and other forms of ill-treatment, in light of experiences of the international community	Main Prosecutor's Office; MoC; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessments and recommendations of national and international monitoring mechanisms</li> <li>• Methodological and tactical guidelines</li> <li>• Report of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>
		6.6.3. prioritization of criminal prosecution in cases of torture and other forms of ill-treatment, through the creation of a corresponding policy in the procedural guidelines for	Main Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessments and recommendations of national and international monitoring mechanisms</li> <li>• Public policy agenda</li> <li>• Procedural guidelines for prosecution</li> </ul>

		prosecution			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>
	6.7. eradication of torture and other forms of ill-treatment and the protection and rehabilitation of victims	<p>6.7.1. increased effectiveness of legal assistance provided to victims (as well as consideration of the necessary costs of legal aid), through the financial and technical support of the free Legal Aid Service of the MoC</p> <p>6.7.2. formulation of rehabilitation programs for victims and their monitoring, to guarantee effectiveness</p> <p>6.7.3. increased cooperation with NGOs involved in assisting with such rehabilitation programs</p>	MoJ; Main Prosecutor’s Office; MoC; MoLHSA; Legal Aid Service;	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports; recommendations</li> <li>• Changes in legislative and internal policies</li> <li>• List of government programs</li> <li>• Memorandums of cooperation set out in the report of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> <li>• Number of persons benefitting from free legal aid services</li> </ul>
	6.8. timely and material reporting to the public on the eradication, prevention and ongoing investigations of cases of torture or other forms of ill-treatment	<p>6.8.1. support of informative campaigns on preventing and eradicating torture and other forms of ill-treatment</p> <p>6.8.2. regular and proactive informing of the public on the course and progress of investigations on cases of torture or other forms of ill-treatment</p>	All of the above named responsible institutions and authorities, as well as any others – who are kindly invited to contribute in the successful	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular news updates/reports</li> <li>• Campaigns and plans</li> <li>• Reports of media monitoring services</li> <li>• Statistical database</li> <li>• Report of the National Preventive Mechanism</li> </ul>

			accomplishment of the measures set out in the Action Plan		
<b>7. Human Trafficking</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>7. combating human trafficking</b>	7.1. prevention of human trafficking	7.1.1. raising public awareness on actions being taken to combat human trafficking; conducting of informative campaigns on the issue	Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Trafficking in Persons	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of available informative materials available</li> <li>• Development of a unified informational strategy in the fight against human trafficking</li> <li>• Number of press conferences and participants</li> </ul>
	7.2. protection of victims of human trafficking	7.2.1. ensure the effective functioning of special shelters created for victims of human trafficking	State Fund for Protection and Assistance of (statutory) Victims of Human Trafficking (“Atipfund Georgia”)	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of victims of human trafficking that have benefitted from the services of Atipfund Georgia
		7.2.2. provision of assistance to victims of human trafficking – voluntary and safe return to their	Atipfund Georgia; Ministry of	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of voluntary returnees out of the number of victims of human trafficking</li> </ul>

		permanent place of residence, as well as rehabilitation of returnees	Foreign Affairs (MFA); MoIA; Office of the State Minister if Georgia for Diaspora Issues		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of victims of human trafficking that have been awarded special residence permits</li> </ul>
7.3. systematic criminal prosecution of human trafficking offences	7.3.1. constant exposure of human trafficking offences and the creation of joint control mobile groups, to this end		MoIA; Main Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of joint control mobile groups created</li> <li>• Number of inspections, investigations and prosecutions pursued by joint control mobile groups</li> </ul>
	7.3.2. development of guidelines on investigations conducted by law enforcement agencies in relation to human trafficking offences, their timely prosecution and treatment of victims of human trafficking		Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Trafficking in Persons; Main Prosecutor's Office; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Drafted and enacted guidelines
	7.3.3. strengthening of qualifications of law enforcement agents and representatives, through initiation of relevant training programs		MoIA; Main Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of trained and certified staff
7.4. increased cooperation on anti-trafficking issues	7.4.1. increased cooperation between the Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Trafficking in Persons		Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of joint projects</li> <li>• Number of signed memorandums of cooperation</li> </ul>

		and the general public, as well as international and non-governmental organizations; establishment/renewal of memorandums of cooperation	Trafficking in Persons		
		7.4.2. increased intergovernmental and transnational cooperation, especially with partner and border nations; launching of negotiations	MoJ; Main Prosecutor's Office; MoIA; MFA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of intergovernmental meetings held</li> <li>• Number of agreements signed</li> </ul>

**8. Right to Privacy**

<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>8. high standards of protection of the right to privacy</b>	8.1. development of the legislative base, to be in accordance with international and European standards	8.1.1. initiation of legislative changes, in order to bring personal data protection in line with international and European standards; involvement of the Government and Parliament of Georgia, as well as NGOs	Government of Georgia; MoIA; Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	<b>2014-2015</b>	First phase indicator of the visa liberation action plan (relating to personal data protection) assessed as completed by the EU Evaluation Mission
		8.1.2. full enactment of the Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection 2014 (“Data Protection Law”)	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector; Government of Georgia	<b>2014</b>	Enactment of the Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection 2014
	8.2. correct practical implementation of legislation and	8.2.1. development of internal policies and norms for the smooth implementation of the Data	Various ministries of Georgia; Office	<b>2014</b>	Existence of internal policies and norms

exhibition of better practices in the course of protecting and processing personal data, with the overarching aim of protecting the right to privacy	Protection Law	of the Personal Data Protection Inspector		
	8.2.2. preparation of official commentaries on the Data Protection Law, to ensure the correct practical application of its provisions and the formulation of a unified approach to implementation	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	<b>2014</b>	Preparation of official commentaries on the Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection 2014
	8.2.3. raising the level of independence of the Personal Data Protection Inspector; strengthening the supervisory authority for the protection of personal data; provision of adequate funding	Government of Georgia; MFA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Provision of necessary funding
	8.2.54. formulation of guidelines and recommendations regarding the protection of personal data	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	<b>2014-2015</b>	Formulation of guidelines and recommendations
	8.2.65. organization of training programs in relation to privacy and personal data protection rights and issues, for employees of all public institutions	Government of Georgia; Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of consultations with public sector representatives</li> <li>• Number of trainings held; number of trained staff</li> </ul>
8.3. raising public awareness on the right to privacy and personal data	8.3.1. organization and coordination of events and meetings, aimed at providing information to particular target	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of events held

	protection	groups			
		8.3.2. preparation and dissemination of informative brochures, television broadcasts and other resources	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	<b>2014-2015</b>	Assessments of the level of public awareness, according to various social studies and questionnaires
<b>9. Freedom of Expression</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>9. protection of the freedom of expression</b>	9.1. limitation and prevention of interference in the professional activities of journalists	9.1.1. swift and effective investigations by the investigative authorities into any alleged interferences in the professional activities of journalists  9.1.2. appropriate classification of crimes by the Prosecutor’s Office in relation to confirmed incidents  9.1.3. generation of statistics by investigative authorities based on confirmed incidents and the resolution of such incidents	Main Prosecutor’s Office; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Report of the Public Defender; statistics provided by law enforcement agencies



	9.2. identification and elimination of current legislative ambiguities, in relation to freedom of expression	9.2.1. identification of existing legislative gaps and ambiguities relating to the freedom of expression; review of the notion of ‘interference’ in the professional activities of journalists, if necessary; preparation of recommendations and reform projects relating to internal regulations of digital broadcasting, if necessary	MoJ; Government of Georgia; Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (MoESD)	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of prepared draft bill
	9.3. provision of access to information	9.3.1. initiation of relevant legislative changes in order to raise public awareness	MoJ	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
<b>10. Freedoms of Assembly and Association</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>10. ensure high standards of protection for the freedoms of assembly and association</b>	10.1. development of the legislative base for the freedoms of assembly and association in accordance with international standards	10.1.1. in accordance with the recommendations of the Venice Commission, the Constitutional Court of Georgia, the European Court of Human Rights, as well as the Public Defender of Georgia, the preparation of a legislative reforms package in relation to the freedoms of assembly and association, for presentation to the Parliament of	MoJ; Government of Georgia; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of prepared draft bill

		Georgia			
	10.2. prevention and provision of legal redress in cases of violations of the freedoms of assembly and association	10.2.1. prevention and provision of legal redress in cases of violations of the freedoms of assembly and association, through better preparation of various law enforcement divisions in dealing with mass demonstrations/crowd control	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Details from completed studies
		10.2.2. development of SOPs for the relevant sub-divisions of the MoIA	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Prepared documents/instructions
		10.2.3. consideration of the experiences of European and international communities in the manifestation of the freedoms of assembly and association	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Prepared normative and legislative changes
		10.2.4. integration of the above subject matter into the various training programs at MoIA Academy	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of trainings held
<b>11. Protection of National and Ethnic Minorities</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>11. full integration, preservation of cultural identity</b>	11.1. effective defense of national and ethnic minorities against	11.1.1. initiation of an all-encompassing law to guarantee equal rights and eradicate any forms of discriminatory treatment	Government of Georgia	<b>2014</b>	Enacted legislative act

<b>and defense against discriminatory treatment of national and ethnic minorities</b>	discriminatory treatment	against national and ethnic minorities			
		11.1.2. raising public awareness on the rights of national and ethnic minorities, as well as anti-discrimination legislation	Training Center of Justice at MoJ	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of training/seminars held and the number of participants
		11.1.3. raising the awareness of MoIA staff and participants in the training programs at MoIA Academy, about the rights of national and ethnic minorities	MoIA; MoIA Academy	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of training/seminars held and the number of participants; curriculum and lecturing hours
	11.2. full social integration of national and ethnic minorities and encouragement of their greater involvement in decision-making processes	11.2.1. ensure teaching of the official state language in all secondary and higher education institutions; creation of special language courses for adults	MES; Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality (SMR); Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of Georgian language lessons; course curricula; number of qualified teachers; level of education of students; availability of relevant courses in higher education institutions; number of qualified participants of special courses
		11.2.2. provision of preschool, primary and secondary education for representatives of national and ethnic minorities, as well as access to non-formal education	MES; SMR; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Formulation and execution of academic programs; number of institutions introducing such programs; number of textbooks available; number of certified teachers
		11.2.3. availability and provision of higher education for	MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	Formulation of course curricula; number of institutions adopting new

	representatives of national and ethnic minorities			curricula; number of students in receipt of grants; number of students
	11.2.4. promotion of greater access to media and information in various national and ethnic minority languages	SMR; Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	
11.3. ensure civic participation of national and ethnic minorities	11.3.1. promotion of a framework convention on the protection of national and ethnic minorities; acquaintance with the national strategy on dealing with national and ethnic minorities	SMR	<b>2014-2015</b>	Formulation of a new strategy and action plan document; number of meetings held
	11.3.2. training of local self-government representatives of the regions inhabited by national and ethnic minorities, on tolerance and human rights issues	SMR	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of training held; number of trained personnel
11.4. promotion of social and regional integration of national and ethnic minorities	11.4.1. improvement of infrastructure in regions inhabited by national and ethnic minorities	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure (MRDI); international organizations and funds	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of completed projects; rebuilding and improvement of infrastructure
	11.4.2. promotion of professional training and employment	MRDI; MoESD; MES; Ministry	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of completed projects; number of participants in training

		opportunities available to representatives of national and ethnic minorities	of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia		programs
	11.5. preservation of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities	11.5.1. preservation of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia; SMR; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of completed projects
		11.5.2. preservation of the cultural heritage of national and ethnic minorities, in accordance with Georgian legislation	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Restoration of monuments

**12. Freedom of Religion and the Protection of Religious Minorities**

<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>12. fostering religious tolerance and the inadmissibility of discrimination on religious grounds</b>	12.1. establishment of legislative guarantees against the discrimination of religious groups	12.1.1. guarantee of an equal rights standpoint for all religious minority groups; initiation of the Law of Georgia on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination	Government of Georgia	<b>2014</b>	Enacted legislative act
		12.1.2. consideration of legal and regulatory guidelines for the construction of religious	LEPL State Agency on Religious	<b>2014</b>	Preparation of relevant recommendations

		buildings/places of worship, in line with international best practices; drafting of relevant recommendations	Affairs; National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force		
	12.2. prevention and effective investigation of crimes motivated by religious hatred/intolerance	12.2.1. appropriate classification of crimes by the Prosecutor's Office in relation to offences committed based on religious grounds; conducting of swift and effective investigations	MoIA; Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014-2015</b>	Reports of the Public Defender
		12.2.2. identification of existing legislative gaps and ambiguities and initiation of subsequent legislative changes	LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs		Initiation of relevant legislative changes
		12.2.3. continued training of staff at the MoIA and the Main Prosecutor's Office, in order to enhance their qualifications and capabilities, in conducting investigations into discriminatory offences	MoIA; Main Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of trained personnel
		12.2.4. defense of public religious worship, if necessary	MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Relevant assessments by the Public Defender
	12.3. reinforcing the principle of secularism in civil service	12.3.1. raising awareness of civil servants, in relation to issues of secularism and religious neutrality	LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of trainings held

12.4. compensation for damages caused to religious organizations	12.4.1. determination and partial compensation for damages caused to religious organizations; to be evaluated by the State Agency on Religious Affairs	Government of Georgia; LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs; National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force	<b>2014</b>	Adequate compensation received by religious organizations
	12.4.2. impartial consideration by the Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of the necessity to maintain and restore the religious buildings/places of worship of all religious organizations	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia; LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs	<b>2014-2015</b>	Report of LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs; relevant assessments by the Public Defender
	12.4.3. conducting of detailed investigations and historical studies, in relation to ownership rights of particular religious establishments	LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs; Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation of relevant recommendations
	12.4.4. preparation of relevant regulatory guidelines on the licensing, registration and	LEPL State Agency on Religious	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation of relevant recommendations; initiation of relevant legislative changes

		restoration of certain religious establishments; declaration of a moratorium until such guidelines have been formulated	Affairs; National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force		
12.5. promotion of religious equality through the education system	12.5.1. streamlining the rules of textbooks approval procedures, through incorporation of the following statements into textbooks: “The contents of this textbook take into account the diversity of the students in Georgia, in terms of their race, colour, language, gender, sexual orientation, religion, political or other views, national, ethnic, and social affiliation, property, social status or residence, etc.”; “This textbook promotes the development of non-stereotypical ways of thinking and diverse perspectives among students”	MES; LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs	<b>2014-2015</b>	Adoption of amendments to the rules of textbooks approval procedure	
	12.5.2. development of high standards in the administrative guidelines for school principals, for the management of diversity and the rendering of an inclusive intercultural education	MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	Incorporation of relevant standards into the administrative guidelines	



		12.5.3. incorporation of special components into development programs for teachers, about the correct methods and strategies for rendering inclusive, intercultural and interreligious forms of education	MES; LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs	<b>2014-2015</b>	Relevant components included in the professional development programs for teachers
	12.6. raising public awareness and levels of tolerance	12.6.1. formulation and conducting of informative campaigns, aimed at raising public awareness and levels of tolerance towards other religions	MRDI; MoJ; LEPL State Agency on Religious Affairs; MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	

**13. Protection of Child Rights**

<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>13.1 strengthening the monitoring and coordinating mechanism for child rights</b>	13.1.1. initialization of the coordinating mechanism	13.1.1.1. establishment of a working group dedicated to the monitoring and coordination of child rights by the Parliament of Georgia	Office of the Prime Minister; National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of the working group/coordinating mechanism</li> <li>• Determination of the functions and powers of the working group/coordinating mechanism</li> <li>• Quarterly meetings held</li> <li>• Monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, by the working group/coordinating mechanism</li> </ul>
		13.1.1.2. incorporation of the ‘best interests of the child’ principle in all government programs, in the	Child Rights Council	<b>2014-2015</b>	Incorporation of the ‘best interests of the child’ principle in all government programs and strategic plans of action

		determination of policy, as well as any legislative or administrative processes and strategies			
13.1.2. strengthening the monitoring mechanism for the protection of child rights	13.1.2.1. enhancement of monitoring abilities of the Public Defender and NGOs	Public Defender; governmental and non-governmental organs; MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of monitoring guidelines for child rights</li> <li>• Strengthening of human resources at the Center for Children at the Office of the Public Defender</li> <li>• <u>Increased professional competencies of the Center for Children at the Office of the Public Defender, as well as relevant NGOs</u></li> <li>• <u>Number of trained personnel</u></li> <li>• Regular monitoring of child services and correctional institutions</li> </ul>	
	13.1.2.2. review of the ratification process of the third Optional Protocol to the Convention of the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure	MFA; Parliament of Georgia	<b>2014</b>	Preparation of analyses by relevant institutions working on ratification	
	13.1.2.3. review of the ratification process of the International Convention on the Protection of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families	MFA; Parliament of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation of analyses by relevant institutions working on ratification	
	13.1.2.4. review of the ratification process of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced	MFA; Parliament of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation of analyses by relevant institutions working on ratification	

		Disappearance			
<b>13.2. strengthening the system of protection and assistance for children</b>	13.2.1. improvement of the legislative base	13.2.1.1. initiation of relevant legislative changes and improvement of the normative base for the elimination of violence against children	MoLHSA; MES; MoIA; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes; enacted legislative acts; implementation by relevant public institutions
		13.2.1.2. improving the regulatory, normative base for foster care and reintegration, in order to decrease the number of children entering state care	MoLHSA	<b>2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of new standards of foster care</li> <li>• Improvement of normative base for foster care and reintegration</li> </ul>
		13.2.1.3. harmonizing the exchange of information and methodologies, between various child care institutions	MoLHSA; MoC; MES; MoIA	<b>2014</b>	Availability and access to government information for interested child care institutions, within the bounds of data protection laws
	13.2.2. strengthening human resources and institutional competencies of the child protection system	13.2.2.1. Conducting of training programs on the protection of child rights for various professional groups (i.e. prosecutors, teachers, advocates, medical staff, social workers, school administrators, child protection officers, etc.)	MoLHSA; MES; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Institutionalization and incorporation of child rights protection issues into training and educational programs for professionals
		13.2.2.2. training of professionals in the biological, psychological, social and legal issues relating to child protection procedures (referrals)	MoLHSA; MES; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Institutionalization and incorporation of biological, psychological, social and legal issues relating to child protection procedures into the training and education programs of professionals

		13.2.2.3. incorporation of issues, relating to the protection of children against abuse, into the training programs and qualification requirements for professionals	MoLHSA; MES; MoIA	2015	Incorporation of child protection issues into the training programs of professionals
		13.2.2.4. improvement of the response mechanism for reported cases of child abuse	MoLHSA; MES; MoIA	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast and adequate response to reported cases of violence</li> <li>• Existence of guidelines, for relevant public bodies, for recording reported cases of child abuse</li> </ul>
		13.2.2.5. creation of mechanisms for child assessments and referrals for social services agencies	MoLHSA	2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation and approval of mechanisms</li> <li>• Notification of social workers, by social services agencies, of reported cases of child abuse or neglect</li> </ul>
	13.2.3. improvement of services for vulnerable children	13.2.3.1. development of support structures for victims of child abuse; broadening of consultations and rehabilitation services; greater access to non-formal education	MoLHSA	2014-2015	Existence of child support centers in every region; incorporation of costs into state budget
		13.2.3.2. activation of a hotline	MoLHSA	2015	Establishment of a free and well recognized, 24-hour child support hotline
		13.2.3.3. improvement of services for children living and working on the streets	MoLHSA; MES; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launching of Tbilisi and Kutaisi Day Care Centers</li> <li>• Formulation of government action plans for the opening of additional day care centers, in the other major cities of Georgia; adequate funding</li> </ul>

					<p>ensured by state budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Youth Centers and housing services</li> </ul>
		13.2.3.4. provision of services for young people in state care	MoLHSA; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2015</b>	Formulation, approval and piloting of service provision plans for young people in state care; adequate funding through state budget
		13.2.3.5. improvement of early learning and day care center services for children with disabilities	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of beneficiaries of the services; number of children in receipt of government grants</li> <li>• Number of day care and early learning centers in various locations</li> </ul>
		13.2.3.6. provision of home care services for children with disabilities	MoLHSA	<b>2015</b>	Formulation of action plan for enhancement of home care services; adequate funding through state budget
13.2.4. improvement of information management systems	13.2.4.1. creation of a database for beneficiaries of various services	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Creation and regular updating of beneficiaries database	
	13.2.4.2. creation and regular updating of a database of existing child services in the country	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Creation of child services database	
	13.2.4.3. development of a mobile registration system for vulnerable children, in particular those children who are living and working on the streets	State Services Development Agency; MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of a temporary registration procedure for children living and working in the streets</li> <li>• Activation of mobile registration centers</li> </ul>	
13.2.5. raising of public awareness	13.2.5.1. formulation of informative campaigns in order to raise public	MoLHSA; MES; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Launching of mass media campaigns to overcome stigmas towards children	

		awareness on the following issues: improvement of attitudes towards children with disabilities, elimination of violence against and between children, changes in approach towards children living and working on the streets, etc.			with disabilities and children living and working on the streets; as well as to change attitudes towards issues relating to violence against and between children
		13.2.5.2. integration of issues relating to violence against the child into preschool, primary and secondary educational programs; access to non-formal education programs	MES; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2015</b>	Formulation of preschool, primary and secondary school curricula, incorporating issues of violence against the child; integration into relevant educational programs; creation and implementation of non-formal education programs
<b>13.3. eradication of child poverty</b>	13.3.1. improvement of the social security system for children	13.3.1.1. development of a targeted system of social assistance, to better reflect social needs	MoLHSA	<b>2014</b>	Review of the rules of distribution of social assistance; particular regard paid to the needs of families with children living below the poverty line
<b>13.4. support of children’s right to health</b>	13.4.1. decrease child and maternal deaths through improvement of the quality of perinatal services	13.4.1.1. renewal of the system of registration of births and deaths; improvement of the child and maternal health management information system	MoLHSA; State Services Development Agency; National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC); National	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of regulatory reforms package for updating system of registration of births and deaths</li> <li>• Updating of registration documentation and statistical reporting requirements for relevant institutions</li> </ul>

			Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat)		
		13.4.1.2. establishment of a new grading system for state maternity hospitals and their comparative classification; establishment of new guidelines for transferring mothers and newborn babies in between these hospitals	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	New licensing requirements for maternity hospitals (determining levels of perinatal care) Updating of transfer system and increased accountability
		13.4.1.3. creation of regulatory mechanism for the accreditation process of perinatal services; introduction of voluntary accreditation	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Creation of a regulatory mechanism for the accreditation process of perinatal services
		13.4.1.4. creation of mechanism for the preparation and professional development of ante- and perinatal care givers	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulations for the mechanism have been formulated and initiated</li> <li>• Number of trained professionals (gynecologists, neonatologists); percentage of trained perinatal care givers</li> </ul>
	13.4.2. improvement of primary healthcare services for children	13.4.2.1. increasing the capabilities of primary care givers, especially in the monitoring of growth and development of children between the ages of 0-6	MoLHSA; NCDC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement of monitoring systems and instruments for primary care givers</li> <li>• Number of trained professionals; percentage distributed between major cities and towns</li> </ul>
		13.4.2.2. support and development of child mental health services	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of protocols, standards and monitoring</li> </ul>

					<p>mechanisms for child mental health services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing geographical coverage of child mental health services</li> </ul>
		13.4.2.3. reduction of malnutrition through greater access to fortified food products	MoLHSA; NCDC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory flour fortification law has been drafted and enacted, in consideration of the assessments conducted by relevant bodies</li> <li>• Raising public awareness on the benefits of fortified food products, in particular iodized salt and fortified bread flour</li> <li>• Greater awareness of the public on staple food fortification and the necessary supplementation of micronutrients to children aged 6-24 months in particular</li> </ul>
	13.4.3. improvement of services for the prevention of HIV/Aids	13.4.3.1. incorporation of HIV/Aids issues into the national school curriculum and the equipping of teachers with textbooks and study aids	MoLHSA; MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporation of HIV/Aids issues into the national school curriculum</li> <li>• Number and percentage of teachers trained in dealing with HIV/Aids issues nationwide</li> </ul>
		13.4.3.2. strengthening the roles of NGOs in the provision of services, especially to high-risk adolescents, in the prevention of HIV/Aids; removal of existing regulatory barriers			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiation of legislative changes with regard to provision of confidential counselling and testing services on HIV/Aids related matters to children from the age of 14</li> <li>• Initiation of relevant legislative</li> </ul>



					changes for the removal of barriers to voluntary consultations and testing, especially for high-risk groups in the population (including high-risk adolescents)
	13.4.4. improvements to the provision of sports services	13.4.4.1. improved access to sports halls, stadiums and gyms for children with poor health/fitness and those in need of rehabilitation	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of children involved in sports and physical programs seeking to raise health/fitness levels; statistical indicators of achieved results</li> </ul>
<b>13.5. development of the juvenile justice system</b>	13.5.1. development of the legislative base of the juvenile justice system, with particular regard to: children who come into conflict with the law, child witnesses, child victims, and children who take part in civil and administrative proceedings	13.5.1.1. enactment of the juvenile justice code	MoJ	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the Juvenile Justice Code (2014)</li> <li>• Completion of legislative procedures for enactment (2015)</li> <li>• Enactment of the Juvenile Justice Code (2015)</li> </ul>
		13.5.1.2. review of civil and administrative regulatory legislation; development in accordance with international standards of child rights protection, if necessary	Criminal Justice Reform Council	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of civil and administrative regulatory legislation and identification of shortcomings in child rights protection</li> <li>• Amendments to primary and secondary legislation relating to civil administrative violations</li> </ul>
	13.5.2. strengthening human resources and institutional authority of the	13.5.2.1. specialization of professionals (criminal, civil and administrative judges, prosecutors, advocates and police officers), operating within the juvenile justice	MoIA; Main Prosecutor's Office; Legal Aid Service	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of system specialization plans (2014)</li> <li>• Formulation of job descriptions for specialized professionals</li> <li>• Appointment of specialized</li> </ul>

juvenile justice system	system			professionals in judicial courts, the Prosecutor's Office, MoIA and the Legal Aid Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of specialized professionals</li> </ul>
	13.5.2.2. creation of a child orientated environment	Main Prosecutor's Office; MoIA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Development of the concept of establishing child orientated environments
	13.5.2.3. increasing the capabilities of specialized professionals	MoJ; MoIA; Main Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of educational resources for specialized detectives, prosecutors, judges and advocates (2014)</li> <li>• Incorporation of educational resources into the training programs at the Training Center of Justice, High School of Justice, as well as the MoIA Police Academy (2014)</li> <li>• 100% of specialized professionals undergoing specially prepared training courses (2015)</li> </ul>
	13.5.2.4. development of a child orientated approach within the criminal justice system	MoJ; MoIA; Main Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a child orientated approach during both investigative and legal proceedings</li> <li>• Development of the questioning methodology of child victims and child witnesses</li> <li>• Development of a child orientated approach during civil litigation procedures</li> </ul>

	<p>13.5.3. establishment of a comprehensive data collection system on children in contact with the law</p>	<p>13.5.3.1. establishment of a comprehensive data collection system, to record children entering the criminal justice system</p>	<p>Main Prosecutor's Office; MoIA; MoC; MES; MoLHSA; judicial courts</p>		<p>Formulation of relevant statistical models and indicators and incorporation into the databases of the MoIA, MoC, Prosecutor's Office, MES and MoLHSA; integration and synchronization of information systems</p>
	<p>13.5.4. juvenile crime prevention</p>	<p>13.5.4.1. strengthening of interagency mechanisms for juvenile crime prevention</p>	<p>Main Prosecutor's Office; MoIA; MoC; MES; MoLHSA</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of action plan for juvenile crime prevention (2014)</li> <li>• Interagency cooperation between the justice, social security and education sectors (2014)</li> <li>• Determination of duties and functions of interagency group members (2014)</li> <li>• Specification of referral criteria for children with serious behavioral problems and children under the age of criminal responsibility; confirmation by relevant public authorities (i.e. MES, Social Service Agency, MoIA, Prosecutor's Office)</li> </ul>
	<p>13.5.5. encouragement of principles of liberal justice</p>	<p>13.5.5.1. strengthening of deterrence and mediation programs</p>	<p>MoJ; MoC; Main Prosecutor's Office</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deterrence indicators for children committing severe and less severe offences</li> <li>• Strengthening of the coordinating mechanism for deterrence and mediation programs</li> <li>• Development of deterrence</li> </ul>

					concepts up to judicial level (2014) and initiation of relevant legislative changes in this regard (2015)
		13.5.5.2. development of high standards of service for children who come into conflict with the law	Government of Georgia	<b>2014</b>	Establishment of high service standards for children who come into conflict with the law; completion and certification of development strategies by the Government of Georgia
		13.5.5.3. propagation of an individual approach and individual sentence planning methodology; strengthening of parole and early release mechanism	MoC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of individualized approach concepts and practical application of methodologies in pre-trial detention centers</li> <li>• Increased coordination between the Penitentiary and Probation Training Centre and the social security system</li> <li>• Development and completion of regulatory working rules for juvenile detention centers and juvenile parole boards</li> </ul>
<b>13.6. guarantee an inclusive and high quality education for all children</b>	13.6.1. increasing early learning and preschool indicators from 52% up to 100%	13.6.1.1. development, certification and implementation of preschool law	MES	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of preschool law development project
		13.6.1.2. creation of university training programs and courses for early learning specialists and preschool teachers	MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	Development of training programs and creation of an action plan for implementation Completed training of over 30% of preschool teaching personnel

		13.6.1.3. formulation of guidelines and basic requirements for health and sanitation, as well as feeding in preschool establishments (nurseries and alternative early learning centers); formulation and implementation of a national curriculum for preschool establishments	MES; MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation and introduction of guidelines and basic requirements for health and sanitation, as well as feeding in preschool establishments</li> <li>• Formulation and financing of a national curriculum for preschool and early learning centers</li> </ul>
13.6.2. access to high quality general education		13.6.2.1. development of university training programs and courses (bachelor’s and master’s degrees) for teachers	MES; National Center for Teacher Professional Development (TPDC); universities	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated training course models and resources available for teachers</li> <li>• Number of trained teachers</li> </ul>
		13.6.2.2. involvement, into general education, of children outside the social security and education systems (including gifted, ethnic minority and out of school children)	MES; MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation and implementation of learning programs for increased involvement and educating of children</li> <li>• Number of children in schools</li> <li>• Number of schools participating</li> <li>• Introduction of child learning monitoring and assessment mechanisms</li> </ul>
		13.6.2.3. increased quality and relevancy of education	MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of new professional development standards and schemes for teachers</li> <li>• Number of trained staff</li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of successful students</li> <li>• Intensification of child academic assessment indicators, on central and local levels</li> </ul>
		13.6.2.4. management of a high quality education through improvements to the system of registrations and attendance monitoring; regular data collection, analysis and assessments	MES; Education Management Information System (EMIS); TPDC	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of out of school children and children who are at risk</li> <li>• Regular data collection and recording of registrations and attendance of previously out of school children</li> </ul>
		13.6.2.5. development of gender-sensitive and inclusive preschool and general education policies and strategies	MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	Formulation of gender-sensitive and inclusive preschool and general education policies by MES
	13.6.3. access to non-formal education	13.6.3.1. development of a greater number of non-formal education programs, aimed at strengthening young people’s sense of civic responsibility and national identity	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of young people involved in such programs

<b>14. Gender Equality: Empowerment of Women<sup>1</sup> and the Fight Against Domestic Violence</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>14.1. achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women</b>	14.1.1. establishment and development of institutional mechanisms for gender equality; drafting of legislation which takes gender issues into account	14.1.1.1. strengthening of the Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia  14.1.1.2. consideration of gender-based limitations in relation to employment within the judicial system; formulation of relevant statistical analyses  14.1.1.3. establishment of National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force to safeguard human rights and gender equality, with the cooperation of the executive branch	Parliament of Georgia; HCoJ; Government and municipalities of Georgia; Geostat	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval and fulfillment of positions at the Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia</li> <li>• Formulation and consideration of recommendations by the gender audit mechanism of Parliament</li> <li>• Consideration of gender equality principles in future testing and examination procedures within the judicial system</li> <li>• Generation of gender-based statistics in relation to the judicial system; including judges, court chairmen, court officials and persons appointed to management</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> This part of the action plan is derived from and reflects the commitments of the Government of Georgia under the following action plans:

- 2014-2016 National Action Plan for the Implementation of Gender Equality Policy in Georgia – approved by the Parliament of Georgia on 24 January 2014 by Decree 1945-Rs;
- 2013-2015 National Action on the Fight Against Domestic Violence and the Protection of Victims of Domestic Violence in Georgia – approved by Ordinance N17/07/01 of 17 July 2013 of the President of Georgia;
- 2012-2015 National Action Plan for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions №№ 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889 and 1960 on “Women, Peace and Security” – approved by the Parliament of Georgia on 27 December 2011 by Resolution №5622 Rs.

		<p>14.1.1.4. harmonization of national legislation with international standards of gender rights protection</p> <p>14.1.1.5. consideration of gender issues in the drafting of the state budget</p> <p>14.1.1.6. consideration of gender-based limitations during the reforms process of the civil service</p> <p>14.1.1.7. updating of gender-related statistical data on the Geostat website</p>		<p>positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generation of gender-based statistics on court claimants</li> <li>• Number of trainings conducted on account of gender equality policies for judges and court officials</li> <li>• Establishment of the National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force</li> <li>• Approval and fulfillment of advisory roles on gender equality at the Chancellery of the Government of Georgia</li> <li>• Amount of legislation reevaluated in light of gender equality concerns</li> <li>• Consideration of gender equality issues, where necessary, during the drafting of the budget programs of government ministries</li> <li>• Consideration of gender equality issues, where necessary, in local self-government budgetary programs and spending priorities</li> <li>• Acknowledgment of gender-based limitations in civil service</li> <li>• Annual gender-related statistics on civil service employees</li> <li>• Updating of main gender-related statistical indicators in the</li> </ul>
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					databases of Geostat, particularly in the areas of: residency, healthcare, social security, education, housing, employment, unemployment, income, spending, involvement in the business sector, agriculture and crime
14.1.2. incorporation of gender equality issues into the education system and the raising of public awareness	<p>14.1.2.1. consideration of gender-related issues in key legislation within the education sector</p> <p>14.1.2.2. introduction of gender equality issues into general education</p> <p>14.1.2.3. improvement of gender balance in technical colleges and educational institutions specializing in science, technology, engineering and mathematics</p> <p>14.1.2.4. raising the awareness of young people on their social rights and duties through non-formal education</p> <p>14.1.2.5. fight against gender stereotypes and inequality through increased knowledge and awareness</p>	Government and municipalities of Georgia; public broadcasting and media organizations; with the assistance of NGOs and other research organizations; Central Election Commission of Georgia (CEC)	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of legislative reforms package or appropriate conclusions, based on analyses of key legislation within the education sector</li> <li>• Appropriate action being taken for the achievement of gender balance within teaching staff, based on conducted analyses</li> <li>• Number of male teaching staff</li> <li>• Conclusions from evaluations of the national curriculum, teachers' professional standards and course content, as well as training modules of teachers and principals; assessment of the gender-based limitations contained therein and formulation of relevant recommendations</li> <li>• Formulation of new criteria for textbooks approval</li> <li>• Assessment of technical education spheres and formulation of relevant</li> </ul>	

		<p>14.1.2.6. raising of public awareness on the principles of gender equality</p> <p>14.1.2.7. achievement of a high level of participation of women in sports and general physical activities</p> <p>14.1.2.8. organization of meetings for residents living near the border of occupied territories, for the purposes of raising awareness</p> <p>14.1.2.9. raising of awareness of representatives of minority groups</p> <p>14.1.2.10. communication of gender equality issues to representatives of ethnic minorities</p>			<p>recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of participants in non-formal education based on gender</li> <li>• Number of trainings held for staff members of the executive branch as well as local self-government organs, on gender equality issues; number of participants</li> <li>• Results of media monitoring</li> <li>• Number of approved projects and informative campaigns for raising public awareness on gender equality</li> <li>• Publication of articles on gender equality in the following newspapers: “Vrastan”, “Gurcistan” and “Svobodnaya Gruzya”</li> <li>• Preparation of news reports on gender equality issues for the non-Georgian language edition of the Public Broadcaster’s “Moambe” television program</li> <li>• Coverage of gender equality issues by regional media, through talk-shows and television programs</li> </ul>
	14.1.3. equal involvement of men and women in the economy sector	14.1.3.1. consideration of gender equality principle in economic policy and employment		<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender-based analysis of public and private sector employment; formulation of relevant recommendations</li> </ul>

		<p>14.1.3.2. strengthening the potential of women in the economic sector</p> <p>14.1.3.3. raising of awareness and qualifications of women involved/ interested in the agricultural sector</p> <p>14.1.3.4. increasing participation of women in agribusiness</p> <p>14.1.3.5. participation of women in the creation and development of agricultural cooperatives</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of men and women involved in professional training programs</li> <li>• Results of the analysis of the business sector – conducted in order to expose any shortcomings, as well as raise the participation of women; formulation of relevant recommendations and reform programs, in case of any shortcomings</li> <li>• Number of trainings held for the purposes of raising business knowledge and economic potential of women</li> <li>• Introduction of preferential agro-credit projects</li> <li>• Number of consultations and gender of participants for preferential agro-credit projects</li> <li>• Number of approved preferential agro-credit projects and loans issued (net total)</li> <li>• Number of consultations/meetings held by women’s groups (within their competencies) on the importance/necessity of agricultural cooperatives</li> <li>• Number of cooperatives created</li> </ul>
		<p>14.1.3.2. diversification of energy sources, in order to increase productivity and supply, and reduce labor</p>	<p>Ministry of Energy of Georgia</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	

					<p>through the activism of women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of villages being supplied with gas</li> <li>• Number of new projects for utilization of renewable and clean energy sources</li> <li>• Amount of information available on energy saving and conservation, through mass media</li> <li>• Number of women employed in the energy sector</li> </ul>
	<p>14.1.4. consideration of gender equality issues in the health and social security spheres</p>	<p>14.1.4.1. evaluation of healthcare and social security regulatory legislation</p> <p>14.1.4.2. guarantee equal, non-discriminatory access to healthcare and social security</p> <p>14.1.4.3. raising awareness on reproductive health, human rights and gender equality principles</p> <p>14.1.4.4. study of the impaired balance of gender ratio at birth and formulation of relevant policy</p> <p>14.1.4.5. incorporation of gender equality issues at every stage of</p>	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<p>Reevaluation of regulatory legislation in the healthcare and social security spheres; results of analysis and formulation of relevant recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of MDG indicators in state healthcare and social security programs; demarcation of gender-based limitations in subsequent reports</li> <li>• Incorporation of reproductive health, human rights and gender equality principles in the practices of mass media and NGOs; subsequent number of television programs and events held</li> <li>• Results from analyses of the</li> </ul>

		training of healthcare professionals			<p>imbalance of gender ratio at birth and formulation of relevant recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of government policy on the imbalance of gender ratio at birth</li> <li>• Incorporation of gender equality issues in the pre- and post-diploma educational curricula for healthcare professionals</li> </ul>
	14.1.5. consideration of gender equality issues at the local level	<p>14.1.5.1. consideration of gender equality principles during local self-government reforms</p> <p>14.1.5.2. formulation of preschool policy and implementation at the local level</p>	Government and municipalities of Georgia; political parties taking part in the elections	<b>2014-2015</b>	<p>Greater participation of women in local self-government; support mechanisms and recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of training programs held for female representatives of local self-government bodies; number of participants</li> <li>• Number of municipal advisers on gender issues; number of trainings held</li> <li>• Number of trainings conducted for the forum of women members of the City Assembly</li> <li>• Number of active women and female leaders identified</li> <li>• Balanced ratio of boys and girls involved in local youth politics</li> </ul>

					<p>activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of preschool policy, where gender-based limitations are taken into consideration</li> <li>• Number of trainings held for early learning specialists and preschool teachers; number of participants</li> <li>• Prioritization of early learning and development schemes that take gender equality issues into account</li> <li>• Reflection of gender equality issues in methodology and implementation principles</li> <li>• Establishment of standards for early/preschool learning</li> <li>• Number of early learning and development centers with improved infrastructure</li> </ul>
	<p>14.1.6. encouragement of greater participation of women in decision-making processes</p>	<p>14.1.6.1. support of equal participation of men and women in politics</p> <p>14.1.6.2. raising the participation of women in elected bodies</p> <p>14.1.6.3. encouragement of greater participation of women in the decision-making processes of ministries and other institutions</p>	<p>Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia; Government of Georgia; CEC</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of trainings and meetings conducted; inclusion of gender-related issues in the parties' political programs</li> <li>• Number of elected female council members</li> <li>• Number of elected female ministers of parliament</li> <li>• Number of voters, by sex</li> <li>• Analysis of causes obstructing greater involvement of women in</li> </ul>

					decision-making processes and implementation of planned measures to overcome these obstacles
14.1.7. equal involvement of men and women in environmental protection	<p>14.1.7.1. protection of gender balance in decision-making processes relating to environmental protection</p> <p>14.1.7.2. raising awareness of environmental protection issues, while maintaining a gender balance</p>	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia (MoE); local self-governing organizations	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of men and women involved in decision-making processes relating to environmental protection issues</li> <li>• Number of meetings held for the purpose of raising awareness on environmental protection issues</li> </ul>	
14.1.8. consideration of gender equality issues in law enforcement and penitentiary spheres	<p>14.1.8.1. increasing representation and roles of women in MoIA</p> <p>14.1.8.2. raising awareness on gender equality within the various structural divisions/departments of MoIA</p> <p>14.1.8.3. improvement of housing and living conditions of female prisoners</p> <p>14.1.8.4. creation of working zones in women’s penitentiary establishments</p>	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased number of female employees across various departments of MoIA</li> <li>• Number of informative campaigns conducted across various departments of MoIA, in relation to gender equality issues</li> <li>• Number of meetings organized with MoIA senior officials</li> <li>• Maintenance of European standards of housing and living conditions within women’s prisons</li> <li>• Number of female prisoners given the right of family visitations</li> <li>• Consideration and application of individualized approach concepts</li> </ul>	

		<p>14.1.8.5. psycho/social rehabilitation of female prisoners</p> <p>14.1.8.6. determination of minimum standards and freedoms for female prisoners, in accordance with the 'Bangkok Rules'</p> <p>14.1.8.7. elimination of gender-motivated violence; effective investigation and criminal prosecution of reported cases</p>			<p>for female prisoners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of employed female prisoners</li> <li>• Number of psycho-socially rehabilitated female prisoners</li> <li>• Number of trainings held in relation to the 'Bangkok Rules'; number of trained and certified prison staff</li> <li>• Number of prosecutors and trainee prosecutors educated on issues relating to the elimination of gender-motivated violence and the conducting of effective criminal investigations, in case of reported incidents</li> <li>• Increased number of applicants for law enforcement agency positions</li> <li>• Number of trained law enforcement officers in questioning methods and techniques of victims of sexual offences (MoIA)</li> <li>• Formulation of special administrative principles for prosecutors, which take women's issues into account</li> </ul>
<b>14.2. fight against domestic violence and the protection</b>	14.2.1. development of legislation and	14.2.1.1. ensure the effective functioning of the National Referral Mechanism – instructions for	Government of Georgia; in cooperation	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of beneficiaries of the National Referral Mechanism</li> <li>• Review of legislation</li> </ul>



<p><b>of victims</b></p>	<p>improvement of current mechanisms in place for the prevention of domestic violence, as well as the protection and assistance of all victims</p>	<p>identification, protection and rehabilitation of victims of domestic violence</p> <p>14.2.1.2. improvement of the legislative base for the prevention of domestic violence and the protection and assistance of victims; harmonization of laws with existing international conventions on domestic violence, with the aim of becoming a party to them in the future</p> <p>14.2.1.3. becoming a party to existing international conventions on domestic violence</p> <p>14.2.1.4. involvement of social workers in the fight against domestic violence</p> <p>14.2.1.5. ensure maintenance of uniform, national statistics in the area of domestic violence</p> <p>14.2.1.6. research into domestic violence</p>	<p>with all interested international and non-governmental organizations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of legislative reforms package</li> <li>• Signing and ratification of the Council of Europe “Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence”</li> <li>• Determination of the roles of social workers in the area of domestic violence</li> <li>• Number of trainings conducted for social workers on issues relating to domestic violence; number of participants</li> <li>• Development of uniform standards for the generation of national statistics on reported domestic violence cases</li> <li>• Constant functioning of the common electronic database for victims of domestic violence seeking refuge in shelter facilities</li> <li>• Conducted research into domestic violence</li> </ul>
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	<p>14.2.2. protection, assistance and rehabilitation of victims of domestic violence</p>	<p>14.2.2.1. development of mechanisms for the protection, assistance and rehabilitation of victims of domestic violence</p> <p>14.2.2.2. development of shelter facilities/housing for victims of domestic violence</p> <p>14.2.2.3. establishment and development of crisis centers for victims of domestic violence</p> <p>14.2.2.4. setting up of national domestic violence hotline</p> <p>14.2.2.5. ensure legal protection of victims of domestic violence</p>	<p>Government of Georgia; in cooperation with all interested international and non-governmental organizations</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafting of strategy document for the protection, assistance and rehabilitation of victims of domestic violence</li> <li>• Number of persons involved in rehabilitation programs</li> <li>• Incorporation of housing requirements into the State Fund for Protection of and Assistance to the Victims of Trafficking in Persons (the ‘State Fund’)</li> <li>• Opening of crisis centers</li> <li>• Assimilation of costs arising from housing facilities in the state budget, from end of 2015</li> <li>• Provision for domestic violence hotline in the State Fund</li> <li>• Effective, efficient monitoring system</li> <li>• Number of trainings conducted for the benefit of all persons involved in domestic violence response and prevention; number of participants</li> </ul>
	<p>14.2.3. prevention of domestic violence and the raising of public awareness on domestic violence</p>	<p>14.2.3.1. development of domestic violence prevention mechanisms</p> <p>14.2.3.2. raising public awareness on some of the negative consequences of early marriages</p>	<p>Government of Georgia; in cooperation with all interested international</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of government strategy to further develop the concept of rehabilitation of abusers</li> <li>• Formulation of a unified information strategy in the fight against domestic violence</li> </ul>

	issues	14.2.3.3. guarantee the effectiveness of legislation for the prevention of domestic violence and the protection and assistance of victims, as well as the effective functioning of the National Referral Mechanism	and non-governmental organizations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporation of relevant themes into school textbooks</li> <li>• Incorporation of domestic violence issues in the pre- and post-diploma educational curricula for healthcare professionals</li> <li>• Number of television and radio broadcasts</li> <li>• Annual progress and comparison indicators</li> <li>• Quantity and geographical reach of reference materials on domestic violence</li> <li>• Compilation of existing legislative and regulatory acts in the area of domestic violence</li> <li>• Preparation of short film on domestic violence; number of showings</li> <li>• Number of informative, educational meetings conducted, especially for vulnerable groups – including Internally Displaced Persons ('IDPs') and ethnic minorities living in compact settlements</li> </ul>
<b>14.3. implementation of UN Security</b>	14.3.1. encouragement of greater	14.3.1.1. encouragement of greater participation of women in decision-making processes in national	Government of Georgia; under the supervision	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth indicator for the number of women in high command/managerial positions</li> </ul>

<p><b>Council Resolutions 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889 and 1960 on Women, Peace and Security</b></p>	<p>participation of women in peace and security concerns</p>	<p>security</p> <p>14.3.1.2. encouragement of greater participation of women in official peace talks and negotiations</p> <p>14.3.1.3. encouragement of greater participation of women in armed forces units and peacekeeping contingents; raising awareness of these women on issues of peace and security</p> <p>14.3.1.4. encouragement of greater participation of women in public diplomacy processes</p>	<p>of the Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia; in cooperation with all interested international and non-governmental organizations</p>	<p>within the national security sphere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of women, peace and security issues in the framework of the Geneva International Discussions and the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism</li> <li>• Number of trainings held for the benefit of women and women groups, involved in peacekeeping talks and negotiations; number of female mediators</li> <li>• Number of trainings held in relation to joining peacekeeping contingents and armed forces units, gender equality issues and UN Security Council Resolutions<sup>2</sup> on “Women, Peace and Security”; number of participants, by gender</li> <li>• Number of reference material/helpful resources formulated on the UN Security Council Resolutions on “Women, Peace and Security” and the recognition of gender equality principles within the National</li> </ul>
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<sup>2</sup> Referring to UN Security Council Resolutions 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889 and 1960, here and hereafter

					<p>Defence Academy of Georgia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of physical fitness standards required to join the armed forces and peacekeeping contingents, in the hope of providing a greater stimulus for women</li> <li>• Number of joint programs/projects conducted with the cooperation of local residents, living near the border of occupied territories; percentage of women and girls involved in such projects</li> </ul>
14.3.2. consideration of the needs of women in the prevention and avoidance of conflicts	<p>14.3.2.1. consideration of women’s issues in early warning systems and conflict prevention mechanisms</p> <p>14.3.2.2. greater informing of residents living near the border of occupied territories and, when necessary, the whole Georgian population, on potential risks and threats of conflict, in particular threats to women and children</p>	Government of Georgia; under the supervision of the Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia; in cooperation with all interested international and non-governmental organizations	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of seminars held, incorporating gender-related concerns into conflict prevention and early warning mechanisms; number of participants (disaggregated data, according to gender and professional post)</li> <li>• Review of existing public information channels, in relation to raising awareness of potential risks and threats to women and children in times of conflict; formulation of relevant recommendations</li> <li>• Number of hours dedicated to learning more about public defense and safety, in state schools</li> </ul>	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of meetings held between government and civil society organizations; number of joint projects formulated</li> <li>• Number of events held and percentage of the population that have been informed about the ways in which to minimize potential threats and risks, as well as measures to prevent conflict; number of male and female participants</li> <li>• Number of television and radio programs, newspaper and online publications</li> </ul>
14.3.3. prevention of sexual and gender-motivated violence against women in times of conflict	14.3.3.1. elimination of sexual and gender-motivated violence against women during periods of conflict and thereafter; zero tolerance policy on sexual violence against women and young girls	Government of Georgia; under the supervision of the Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia; in cooperation with all interested international and non-governmental	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reevaluation of existing legislation on sexual violence offences committed in times of conflict; formulation of relevant recommendations</li> <li>• Number of conferences, discussions and informative programs conducted on the basis of the zero tolerance policy towards sexual violence offences committed in times of conflict</li> <li>• Number of trainings conducted in the armed forces, peacekeeping contingents and police units on</li> </ul>	

			organizations		gender-related issues and UN Security Council Resolutions; in particular on the prevention, identification and appropriate response to sexual and other forms of violence conducted against women and young girls; number of male and female participants in these training programs
14.3.4. protection of women who have become victims of war/conflict from any physical, social, economic or political threats	<p>14.3.4.1. assessment of conformity of Georgian legislation with international conventions, rules, agreements and mechanisms; protection of women who have become victims of war/conflict from any physical, social, economic or political threats</p> <p>14.3.4.2. legal guarantees and full access to judicial courts for IDPs and women and young girls who have become victims of war/conflict</p> <p>14.3.4.3. protection of IDPs and women who have become victims of war/conflict from any physical, social, economic or political threats</p>	Government of Georgia; under the supervision of the Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia; in cooperation with all interested international and non-governmental organizations		<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment document on the conformity of Georgian legislation with international conventions, rules, agreements and mechanisms, regarding the protection of women who have become victims of war/conflict from any physical, social, economic or political threats</li> <li>• Number of trainings conducted, in relation to issues encompassed by UN Security Council Resolutions, for law enforcement officers, judges, Legal Aid Service employees, as well as local self-government organizations and relevant institutions; number of trained personnel/staff members (disaggregated data according to gender, professional post, rank and other criteria)</li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of consultations and joint initiatives conducted for IDPs and women and young girls who have become victims of conflict; creation of a coordinating (referral) mechanism, specifically to deal with their legal concerns/rights of access to judicial courts</li> <li>• Number of educational, business and professional training courses conducted for IDPs and women who have become victims of war/conflict; number of participants</li> <li>• Presentation of relevant reports on the clean-up process of explosive remnants of war</li> </ul>
	14.3.5. protection of the specific needs of women during periods of war/conflict and the situation thereafter	<p>14.3.5.1. ensuring participation of IDPs and women who have become victims of war/conflict in the determination of their own priorities and specific needs</p> <p>14.3.5.2. consideration of the specific needs of women and young girls and encouragement of their greater participation in post-conflict rehabilitation and reintegration project planning</p>	Government of Georgia; under the supervision of the Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia; in cooperation with all interested international	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of programs/projects on the basis of findings of specific needs and priorities of IDPs and women who have become victims of war/conflicts</li> <li>• Conducting of research, in order to determine relevant psycho-social needs; in particular, study of the needs of post-traumatic stress sufferers and victims of sexual and gender-motivated violence</li> <li>• Number of trainings held on</li> </ul>



		<p>14.3.5.3. provision of access to psycho-social services for IDPs, refugees and women and young girls who have become victims of war/conflict</p> <p>14.3.5.4. popularization of UN Security Council Resolutions</p> <p>14.3.5.5. coordination, reporting and monitoring of the implementation of the National Action Plan</p>	<p>and non-governmental organizations</p>	<p>psycho-social assistance and rehabilitation methods; number of trained medical staff and specialists (disaggregated data according to gender)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of an appropriate psycho-social and legal assistance and healthcare mechanism</li> <li>• Number of women and young girls that have benefitted from these services</li> <li>• Number of women and young girls who have become victims of war/conflict that have received information on HIV/Aids, voluntary consultations and testing facilities</li> <li>• Setting up of a hotline and database of organizations providing psycho-social services</li> <li>• Number of seminars, trainings and conferences held, in order to focus the attention of mass media on UN Security Council Resolutions on “Women, Peace and Security”</li> <li>• Creation of an Inter-Agency Task Force, under the supervision of the Gender Equality Council of the Parliament of Georgia, to</li> </ul>
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					<p>coordinate the implementation of the National Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of meetings conducted and protocols and annual reports drafted by the Inter-Agency Task Force; annual progress reports by individual government ministries on implemented measures of the National Action Plan</li> </ul>
<b>14.4. fight against discrimination on grounds of gender identity and sexual orientation</b>	14.4.1. establishment of legal guarantees against discriminatory treatment	14.4.1.1. initiation of comprehensive legislation to eliminate all forms of discrimination and guarantee rights equality	Government of Georgia	<b>2014</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
	14.4.2. effective punishment of hate crimes (per Art. 53, s.3 of Criminal Justice Code)	<p>14.4.2.1. conducting of timely and effective investigations into hate crimes; consideration of this motive during criminal prosecution</p> <p>14.4.2.2. effective training of law enforcement agents and representatives in the collection of information and differentiation of hate crimes from other offences</p> <p>14.4.2.3. formulation of special statistics on hate crimes</p>	MoIA; Prosecutor's Office	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of trained personnel</li> <li>• Annual report of the Public Defender</li> </ul>

		14.4.2.4. provision of shelter facilities/housing for victims of domestic violence based on the victim’s sexual orientation or gender identity; raising the awareness of staff/administration at shelter facilities on issues of gender identity/sexual orientation in relation to domestic violence	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of data on causes for people seeking refuge in shelter facilities</li> <li>• Annual report of the Public Defender</li> </ul>
<b>15. Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>15. strengthening legal and social rights of IDPs; formulation of policies focusing on the protection of their rights</b>	15.1. development of long-term living spaces/housing for IDPs	<p>15.1.1. renovation of derelict buildings, construction of new apartment blocks, as well as the provision of standalone family homes, to guarantee the long-term accommodation of IDPs</p> <p>15.1.2. conducting of the process of providing IDPs with long-term accommodation, in accordance with the specific rules and criteria defined by the 9 August 2013 №320 Order of the Minister</p> <p>15.1.3. assigning legal ownership rights to IDPs of their existing</p>	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons From the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia (MRA); other assisting organizations – LEPL National Agency for State Property Management,	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enactment of new law on IDPs</li> <li>• Formulation of relevant secondary legislation and separate legal acts</li> <li>• Establishment of a special commission, by order of the Minister, in order to identify potential legislative gaps, as well as speed up the process of implementation</li> <li>• Consideration of the needs of persons with disabilities in the construction of new accommodation for IDPs</li> <li>• Reports and data from MRA and the National Agency of Public Registry</li> </ul>

		<p>living spaces (previously IDPs compact settlements), in accordance with national legislation</p> <p>15.1.4. protection of IDPs from unlawful eviction from the existing living spaces/properties in their legal possession</p> <p>15.1.5. consideration of the needs of persons with disabilities</p> <p>15.1.6. speeding up the process of transferring legal ownership rights to IDPs of their existing living spaces (previously IDPs compact settlements), as well as the ownership rights to newly renovated or constructed apartments/houses, inhabited by IDPs, in accordance with national legislation</p> <p>15.1.7. renewal of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the State Strategy on IDPs 2012-2014, to bring it into line with new legislation</p>	<p>LEPL National Agency of Public Registry; Government of Georgia</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Public Defender</li> <li>• Approval of renewed Action Plan</li> </ul>
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		15.1.8. constant development and elaboration of the new law on IDPs (in force since 1 March 2014) – further harmonization with international standards, addition of more defense mechanisms (if necessary), and strengthening of the roles of local self-government organs in the resolution of issues and concerns of IDPs			
	15.2. socio-economic integration of IDPs	<p>15.2.1. creation and development of a new public body supporting the livelihoods of IDPs; increased funding and activity</p> <p>15.2.2. formulation and implementation of new livelihood projects/programs</p> <p>15.2.3. encouragement of greater participation of IDPs (before returning to their permanent place of residence), in the process of integration in other regions of the country</p>	MRA; MRA Livelihood LEPL; MoF	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financing and projects reports of the MRA Livelihood LEPL</li> <li>• Annual parliamentary and special reports of the Public Defender</li> </ul>
<b>16. Rights of Refugees</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>

<p><b>16. consideration of the rights guaranteed in the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees</b></p>	<p>16.1. development and improvement of the relevant legislative base</p>	<p>16.1.1. application of relevant changes to the law of Georgia on “The Status of Refugee and Humanitarian”</p> <p>16.1.2. restatement/renewal of the Order of the President on the provision of shelter/accommodation to foreign persons</p> <p>16.1.3. development and expansion of reception centers for those in need of shelter/refuge</p>	<p>MRA; other assisting agencies; Government of Georgia; MoJ; MoIA</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the MRA</li> <li>• Preparation of relevant legislative acts</li> <li>• Special and parliamentary reports of the Public Defender of Georgia</li> </ul>
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**17. Rights of Ecological Migrants**

Aim	Objective	Action/Measure	Responsible Body	Timeframe	Indicator
<p><b>17. legal and social protection of displaced persons as a result of natural or human-made disasters (eco-migrants)</b></p>	<p>17.1. resettlement of displaced persons as a result of natural or human-made disasters (eco-migrants)</p>	<p>17.1.1. resettlement of displaced persons as a result of natural or human-made disasters (eco-migrants), in accordance with the 13 November 2013 №779 Order of the Minister</p> <p>17.1.2. creation of a legislative base for the legal recognition of the rights of eco-migrants</p> <p>17.1.3. creation of a database on</p>	<p>MRA; other assisting agencies; Government of Georgia;— LEPL National Agency for State Property Management; LEPL National Agency of Public Registry;</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports prepared by MRA</li> <li>• Drafting of relevant legislative act</li> <li>• Annual parliamentary and special reports of the Public Defender</li> </ul>

		eco-migrants  17.1.4. initiation of the process of assigning legal ownership rights to the living spaces inhabited by eco-migrants; those resettled prior to 1 January 2014 by the MRA, in accordance with national legislation			
<b>18. Human Rights and Repatriation</b>					
Aim	Objective	Action/Measure	Responsible Body	Timeframe	Indicator
<b>18. realization of the rights of repatriates, forcibly exiled from the former Soviet Socialist Republic of Georgia, by the former USSR in the 1940s</b>	18.1. formulation and publication of a national action plan and strategy, for the reintegration of repatriates that were forcibly exiled from the former Soviet Socialist Republic of Georgia, by the former USSR in the 1940s	18.1.1. active cooperation with relevant governmental institutions, in order to initiate the process of formulating and publishing a national action plan and strategy, for the reintegration of repatriates that were forcibly exiled from the former Soviet Socialist Republic of Georgia, by the former USSR in the 1940s	MRA; other assisting institutions – including all governmental bodies that are part of the inter-governmental agency, set up through Ordinance №111 of 1 March 2011 of the Government of	<b>2014-2015</b>	Formulation and publication of relevant documents

			Georgia, in relation to the Repatriation of Persons forcibly sent into exile from the Soviet Socialist Republic of Georgia by the Former USSR in the '40s of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century		
<b>19. Protection of the Rights of Residents Living Near Borders of Occupied Territories</b>					
Aim	Objective	Action/Measure	Responsible Body	Timeframe	Indicator
<b>19.1. protection of the rights of residents living near the borders of occupied territories and improvements in their substandard socio-economic and humanitarian conditions</b>	19.1.1. protection of health, access to education, improvements in socio-economic conditions, development of infrastructure and the guarantee of maximum safety for residents living near	19.1.1.1. construction of new outpatient clinics, furnished with modern medical equipment; professional training of medical staff  19.1.1.2. creation of special circumstances for teachers and students – maximum concessions for students and improved educational services and	Interim Governmental Commission on the Reaction to the Needs of the Affected Population living in the villages at the demarcation line; and	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of projects undertaken, including: construction and improvement of various forms of infrastructure (roads, schools, irrigation systems, outpatient clinics, etc.)</li> <li>• Number of students, living in these areas, financed by government grants</li> <li>• Number of beneficiaries of various government services</li> </ul>



	the borders of occupied territories	<p>infrastructure</p> <p>19.1.1.3. restoration, construction and development of housing and various communal spaces; active involvement by international benefactors to better respond to the needs of local residents</p> <p>19.1.1.4. stabilization of crime rates; avoidance of any forms of provocation emanating from the occupied territories, in order to ensure maximum safety in areas located near the demarcation lines</p>	participating ministries		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope and reach of aid provided by various international organizations</li> <li>• Prevention of the outflow of residents from villages located near the demarcation lines</li> <li>• Reduction in crime figures</li> </ul>
<p><b>19.2. provision of healthcare and access to education to residents of occupied territories; support of their freedom of movement and mobilization of efforts to protect human rights and ensure safety</b></p>	19.2.1. maximum accessibility of government healthcare programs to residents of occupied territories	19.2.1.1. continuing provision of the Healthcare Referral Program for the Occupied Territories; improvement of mechanisms and raising of awareness	MoLHSA; SMR	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of residents benefitting from the Healthcare Referral Program for the Occupied Territories</li> <li>• Annual parliamentary and special reports of the Public Defender</li> </ul>
	19.2.2. maximum access to state education programs to the part of the Georgian population residing within the occupied territories	<p>19.2.2.1. creation of special circumstances for teachers living in the occupied regions and their professional training</p> <p>19.2.2.2. creation of maximum concessions for students living in occupied territories, in order to</p>	MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of trainings held; number of participants</li> <li>• Number of students, from occupied regions, receiving Georgian state education</li> </ul>

		access the Georgian state education system			
19.2.3. maintenance of free movement, kinship and friendly ties among residents living in and around occupied territories; aversion of problems arising from the raising of barriers and barbed wire fences	19.2.3.1. ensure maximum safety in occupied territories; due informing of international organizations and mobilization of efforts to stop the raising of barbed wire fences, as well as the problems arising therefrom; initialization of the Geneva International Discussions and IPRM mechanisms  19.2.3.2. issuing of Georgian national identity and travel documents and access to the applications and registrations process for residents of occupied territories; including optional, status neutral documents	MFA; MoIA; MoJ; SMR	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of residents relocated from the demarcation lines</li> <li>• International resolutions</li> <li>• Number of persons with Georgian national identity cards and passports (including status neutral documents)</li> </ul>	
19.2.4. improvements in the substandard humanitarian conditions experienced by residents of occupied territories; prevention of severe violations of human	19.2.4.1. due informing of international organizations on violations of human rights; utilization of current mechanisms in place (i.e. the Geneva International Discussions and the IPRM); encouragement of greater international support in the protection of human rights – initiation of the international	MFA; MoIA; MoJ; SMR	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raising of awareness among the international community and call for greater participation; utilization of relevant mechanisms for the protection of human rights</li> <li>• Reduction in crime figures</li> </ul>	

	rights, including: various forms of discrimination and violence, as well as crimes, such as robbery, kidnapping and extortion	monitoring mechanism for the protection of human rights in occupied territories			
<b>20. Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>20. provision of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities</b>	20.1. bringing the legislative framework in line with international standards; promotion of greater involvement of persons with disabilities in decision-making processes	20.1.1. development and adoption of anti-discrimination legislation, which takes into account aspects relating to persons with disabilities	Government of Georgia	<b>2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiation of anti-discrimination law</li> <li>• Reports of the Public Defender</li> </ul>
		20.1.2. reform of the system of assessing and classifying the status of various disabilities; continuation of the gradual transition process into the 'social model'	MoLHSA; other interested institutions	<b>2014-2015</b>	Approval of relevant legislation for the transition of the current classification system of various disabilities into the new, 'social model'; implementation has begun
		20.1.3. inclusion of persons with disabilities in decision-making processes	MoLHSA; other interested institutions	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation of plans and programs with the active participation of persons with disabilities, or their representatives
		20.1.4. bringing the legal framework in line with international standards (i.e. compliance of national legislation with the UN Convention on the	MFA; MoLHSA; MoJ; Parliament of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of legislative changes for compliance with the UN Convention

		Rights of Persons with Disabilities)			
20.2. raising awareness on disability issues	20.2.1. raising public awareness on issues relating to persons with disabilities; training of media personnel and journalists on relevant issues	National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force	2014-2015	At least 30 journalists have been trained	
20.3. ensuring access to public buildings/facilities and transport	20.3.1. active management of the process of accessing public facilities and services, including physical environments in public buildings/institutions	MoESD; MES; MoF	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of technical regulations</li> <li>• Formulation of new construction standards</li> <li>• Generation of statistics on new and improved physical environments</li> </ul>	
	20.3.2. promotion of equal access to public transportation and travel facilities, through the development and implementation of relevant regulations	MoESD	2014-2015	Development and implementation of necessary standards for the functioning of suitable transportation facilities and infrastructure	
20.4. promotion of individual mobility	20.4.1. promotion of independent mobility and communications for persons with disabilities	MoLHSA	2014-2015	Provision of supporting equipment to persons with disabilities, who have applied to the Social Service Agency	
20.5. facilitating the realization of the rights of access to information and freedom of expression	20.5.1. ensuring accessibility for persons with disabilities to various forms of receiving and conveying information	National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force		Improvement of means of receiving and transmitting information	
20.6. ensuring right to education	20.6.1. determination of the legal framework governing persons with special educational needs	MES; MoLHSA; MoF; MoJ	2014-2015	Preparation of relevant documentation	

	20.6.2. creation of an adequate system of academic funding for students with special educational needs	MES	2014-2015	Preparation of relevant legal documentation and reports
	20.6.3. provision of continual, high quality education for persons with special educational needs at preschool, general, vocational and higher education levels	MES; MoF	2014-2015	Preparation of relevant legal documentation; research on evaluations of the quality of education
	20.6.4. development of a monitoring mechanism for persons with special educational needs	MES; MoLHSA	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of documentation on the development of a monitoring mechanism</li> <li>• Reports of the Public Defender</li> </ul>
20.7. equal access to healthcare	20.7.1. provision of equal access to healthcare services, without discrimination arising on grounds of disability	MoLHSA	2014-2015	Percentage of persons with disabilities, for whom healthcare services are available
	20.7.2. better management of health conditions resulting from disabilities	MoLHSA	2014-2015	Preparation of periodic reports by relevant institutions
	20.7.3. improvements in purpose, structure and management efficacy of government healthcare programs for persons with disabilities	MoLHSA	2014-2015	Preparation of documentation and initiation of relevant changes
	20.7.4. improvement of the health insurance system for persons with disabilities	MoLHSA	2014-2015	Parliamentary report of the Public Defender
20.8. habilitation and rehabilitation	20.8.1. access to existing habilitation and rehabilitation	MoLHSA	2014-2015	Access to habilitation/rehabilitation programs for persons with special

		programs			needs
		20.8.2. improvement of quality and effectiveness of habilitation/ rehabilitation services	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Approval of habilitation/ rehabilitation service standards (new guidelines and protocols); services carried out in accordance with approved standards
		20.8.3. encouragement of social rehabilitation	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Increased participation of persons with disabilities in social life
		20.8.4. improvements in purpose, structure and management efficacy of government habilitation/ rehabilitation programs	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Increased application, effectiveness and purposefulness of government habilitation/ rehabilitation programs
		20.8.5. formulation of early prevention system within the framework of government habilitation/ rehabilitation programs for children	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of early intervention model</li> <li>• Early intervention services provided in accordance with internationally approved standards of practice</li> </ul>
	20.9. encouragement of labor and employment	20.9.1. ensuring equal labor and employment rights for persons with disabilities	MoLHSA; MES; MoJ	<b>2014-2015</b>	Reports of the Public Defender
		20.9.2. encouragement of greater employment of persons with disabilities	MoLHSA; MoF	<b>2014</b>	Data on the number of persons employed
		20.9.3. increased competitiveness in the labor market for disabled job-seekers	MoLHSA; MES	<b>2014-2015</b>	Creation of a professional orientation system, specially for persons with disabilities; trainings undertaken by

					disabled job-seekers, who require development of specific professional skills
		20.9.4. guarantee a decent, safe and clean working environment	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of regulatory framework to ensure health and safety in the workplace; state supervision in the implementing of specified standards</li> <li>• Reduction in cases of forced labor and trafficking</li> </ul>
20.10. social security	20.10.1. realization of the right to social security without discrimination and in consideration of the individual needs of persons with disabilities	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination of individual needs of persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Planning and provision of services in consideration of identified needs and priorities</li> </ul>	
	20.10.2. improvements in purpose, structure and management efficacy of government social security programs	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Development of service standards; compliance of services with applicable standards	
	20.10.3. promotion and development of alternative social services	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of persons with disabilities receiving alternative social services	
	20.10.4. improvement of social services and cash allowances – “social packages” – for persons with disabilities	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Broadening of “social packages”, through provision of monetary, as well as non-monetary social benefits, taking into account individual needs	
20.11. encouragement of greater participation	20.11.1. active development of the process of establishing an equal electoral environment for voters	National Human Rights Inter-Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Report on implemented measures	

	in public and political life	with disabilities	Task Force		
		20.11.2. encouragement of greater involvement of persons with disabilities in political and public unions	National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force	<b>2014-2015</b>	Conducting of informative campaigns, in order to increase participation of persons with disabilities, in the activities of political and public unions
	20.12. encouragement of greater participation in cultural, recreational, entertainment and sporting events	20.12.1. guarantee equal opportunities for the participation of persons with disabilities in cultural life	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Increased number of persons with disabilities involved in cultural programs and projects
		20.12.2. ensure equal access to cultural facilities and materials	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Report on completed projects
		20.12.3. access to recreational, interactive, informative and non-formal education programs	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of persons involved in such programs
		20.12.4. increased access to and adjustment of sporting facilities and stadiums, to better accommodate persons with disabilities	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of persons with disabilities involved in sporting activities; growing number of renovated facilities
<b>210. Rights to Work</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>



			<b>Body</b>		
<b>21. protection of the right to work, in accordance with internationally recognized standards</b>	21.1. continuing the process of development of labor legislation	21.1.1. preparation and initiation of relevant legislative changes for the improvement of the Labor Code of Georgia	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation and initiation of legislative reforms package
		21.1.2. formulation of statutory regulations on health and safety in the workplace	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of relevant legislative changes
		21.1.3. review of employment law and preparation of relevant legislative reforms package	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Initiation of employment law review in the Parliament of Georgia
		21.1.4. initiation of draft law on labor migration by the Government of Georgia	State Commission on Migration Issues	<b>2014-2015</b>	Discussion of draft law on labor migration in the Parliament of Georgia
	21.2. implementation of core conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO)	21.2.1. implementation of Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Positive annual progress reports by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the ILO
		21.2.2. implementation of Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Positive annual progress reports by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the ILO
		21.2.3. implementation of Abolition	Government of	<b>2014-2015</b>	Positive annual progress reports by

		of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105)	Georgia		the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the ILO
		21.2.4. implementation of Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Positive annual progress reports by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the ILO
		21.2.5. implementation of Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Positive annual progress reports by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the ILO
		21.2.6. implementation of Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Positive annual progress reports by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the ILO
		21.2.7. implementation of Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100)	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Positive annual progress reports by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the ILO
		21.2.8. implementation of Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Positive annual progress reports by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the ILO
	21.3. effective implementation of	21.3.1. active conducting of social	Government of Georgia;	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of events, meetings and joint

	changes to the Labor Code, in practice	dialogue/discussions	MoLHSA		initiatives conducted
		21.3.2. creation of a Tripartite Social Partnership Commission	Government of Georgia	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of sessions
	21.4. implementation of necessary institutional reforms for the protection of labor rights	20.4.1. preparation of MoLHSA reforms package	Government of Georgia; MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of meetings/discussions conducted; identification of objectives for organizational development and formulation of adjustment plan
		21.4.2. establishment of mediation mechanism, whose mandate would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conciliatory procedures to resolve collective labor disputes and prevention of conflict escalations (including in cases where the state plays the role of the employer);</li> <li>• promotion of collective labor agreements</li> </ul>	Government of Georgia; MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of times mediation mechanism has been utilized</li> <li>• Number of collective labor agreements concluded within the framework of the mediation mechanism</li> </ul>
		21.4.3. development of the mediation mechanism's conciliatory procedure for the resolution of collective labor disputes	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation of relevant instruments
21.4.4. improvement of health and safety and creation of an		MoLHSA; Government of	<b>2014-2015</b>	Preparation of relevant recommendations for the creation of	

		inspections mechanism for checking conditions in the workplace	Georgia		an inspections mechanism, to check health and safety regulations in the workplace; initiation of relevant mechanism
		21.4.5. increasing access to employment services	MoLHSA; Social Service Agency	<b>2014-2015</b>	Number of job-seekers registered; access to vocational training; updated information on existing vacancies
	21.5. enhancement of international cooperation in the field of labor and employment	21.5.1. enhancement of cooperation and communications with traditional partners (US Department of Labour, ILO, International Organization for Migration, EU, World Bank, the German Society for International Cooperation, the European Training Foundation); creation of new partnership ties	MoLHSA	<b>2014-2015</b>	Enhancement of cooperation, successful implementation of ongoing projects and initiation of new projects
<b>22. Right to Property</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>22. creation of guarantees for the inviolability of property rights, in accordance with</b>	22.1. refinement and improvement of real estate registration	22.1.1. creation of a single, electronic land registrations database; conversion of paper documents to electronic format	LEPL National Agency of Public Registry	<b>2014-2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of a single, unified, electronic land registrations database</li> <li>• Procurement of the software needed and initiation of step by</li> </ul>

internationally recognized standards	documentation				step process to convert land registrations that are currently in paper format, into electronic format
		22.1.2. incorporation of cadastral surveys of the Shatili territory into the single, unified electronic land registrations database	LEPL National Agency of Public Registry	2014	Development and processing of satellite imagery and geodetic measurements, in order to generate orthophotos (geometrically corrected areal images) and cadastral surveys and maps
		22.1.3. incorporation of land registrations of the municipalities of Dvani and Ditsi (on the borderline with “occupied territories”), into the single, unified electronic land registrations database	LEPL National Agency of Public Registry	<b>Project is being finalized</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land documentation has been requested from the Territorial Organs of the National Archives</li> <li>• Definition of land specifications and descriptions</li> <li>• Drawing up of a list of proprietors/registered owners, in accordance with the details registered in the system</li> <li>• Preparation of cadastral surveys based on up to date information/corrected details, for future registrations</li> </ul>
<b>23. Human Rights and the Environment</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>

<p><b>23. acknowledgement of the inviolability of environmental rights, in accordance with international standards</b></p>	<p>23.1. formulation of a clear environmental permit policy and the establishment of absolute legal guarantees for environmental human rights</p>	<p>23.1.1. bringing relevant legislation in line with international standards and European directives</p>	<p>MoE; LEPL Center of Environmental Information and Education (EIEC)</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of existing legislative gaps and formulation of relevant recommendations</li> <li>• Process of improving existing environmental permit policy, with the cooperation of local and international experts, as well as securing environmental human rights legal instruments has been initiated</li> </ul>
		<p>23.1.2. establishment of mechanisms to guarantee greater involvement of the public in decision-making processes and organization of awareness-raising campaigns</p>	<p>MoE; EIEC</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization of informative sessions/meetings in the ministry for interested parties</li> <li>• Conducting of seminars, round tables and discussions on improving environmental protection legislation, in particular existing environmental permit policies, with the active involvement of various target groups</li> </ul>
	<p>23.2. establishment of a strategic assessment mechanism</p>	<p>23.2.1. implementation of the first stages of the pilot project for strategic assessment</p> <p>23.2.2. establishment of a procedure for incorporating knowledge on existing environmental issues</p>	<p>MoE</p>	<p><b>2014-2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active negotiations with sponsors that have agreed to assist in these projects</li> <li>• Preparation of relevant legislative changes, if these become necessary</li> </ul>

	23.3. creation of a unitary database and website	23.3.1. full database of organizations involved in environmental permit distribution/ecological analysis	MoE	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synchronization of existing databases</li> <li>• Research into funding options for the project</li> </ul>
		23.3.2. creation of an electronic environmental permit distribution and monitoring program			
	23.3.3. assessment and monitoring of documentation submitted to the ministry, in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the environmental permit policy/ecological analysis	MoE	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination of prescribed conditions by the environmental permit policy/ecological analysis</li> <li>• Research into funding options for the project</li> </ul>	
	23.4. creation of a website incorporating environmental protection databases	23.4.1. collection of data from various agencies; presentation of environmental protection data in a user-friendly format for the benefit of the general public	MoE; EIEC	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of a website which will incorporate environmental protection databases</li> </ul>

**24. Human Rights: Training Programs**

<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>24.1. regular briefings of public servants and elected</b>	24.1.1. preparation of a series of seminars on human rights related issues	24.1.1.1. seeking out best training examples, which cover a variety of human rights issues, pedagogical tools and methods	National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force	2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on training best practices in the human rights sphere</li> <li>• Report on human rights seminar series/academic programs</li> </ul>

<p><b>representatives on their human rights related duties and responsibilities</b></p>	<p>for all public servants and elected representatives, so as to increase their awareness, capabilities and application in practice</p>	<p>24.1.1.2. creation of a small group of international and local experts, who will be in charge of formulating a series of special seminars on human rights related issues, adapted for the Georgian context and based on recommendations of the applicable best practices, questions, content matter and pedagogical tools and methods</p>	<p>(coordinating and monitoring mechanism)</p>		
	<p>24.1.2. involvement of high-ranking public officials and elected representatives in the human rights related seminar series</p>	<p>24.1.2.1. creation of a group to conduct human rights related seminars</p> <p>24.1.2.2. conducting of human rights related seminars in small groups – to allow greater discussion and internal dialogue</p> <p>24.1.2.3. constant evaluation and updating of training programs and seminars</p>	<p>National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force (coordinating and monitoring mechanism)</p>	<p><b>2014</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of training group</li> <li>• Conducting of seminars</li> <li>• Evaluations and possibility to make updates/alterations</li> </ul>
<p><b>24.2. systematic updating of introductory, as well as advanced human rights</b></p>	<p><u>24.2.1.</u> formulation of a system for the regular updating and improvement of the series of</p>	<p><del>2224</del>2.1.1. determination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specific seminar attendances by individual public servants and elected</li> </ul>	<p><u>National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force</u> (coordinating</p>	<p><b>2014</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports on the status of trainings for public servants/elected representatives</li> <li>• Report on tools and methods necessary for a sustainable training</li> </ul>



<p><b>related training programs, focusing on practical application methods and tailored for public servants and elected representatives – in order to encourage their professional development</b></p>	<p>seminars focusing on human rights related issues, with the help of newly acquired knowledge and pedagogical tools</p>	<p>representatives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ways in which to conduct practical trainings in human rights related issues;</li> <li>• which parts of the human rights training programs are common across various sectors and levels</li> </ul> <p>24.2.1.2. determination of the ways in which to utilize available pedagogical tools/methods, in order to establish a systematic approach for the updating and developing of training programs</p> <p>24.2.1.3. finding the best ways in which incorporate teaching on human rights standards, in introductory and advanced training modules, for public servants and elected representatives</p> <p>24.2.1.4. creation of a group to lead the human rights training programs</p>	<p>and monitoring mechanism)</p>	<p>2014</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2015</p>	<p>system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination of an overall system structure for trainings conducted on human rights related issues</li> <li>• Creation of a group, responsible for carrying out trainings</li> </ul>
<p><b>24.3. informing of all persons living in Georgia of their</b></p>	<p>24.3.1. formulation and implementation of a strategy for</p>	<p>24.3.1.1. analysis of the levels of awareness on human rights issues across various public sectors and</p>	<p>National Human Rights Inter-Agency</p>	<p>2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports on levels of awareness on human rights issues</li> <li>• Formulation and initiation of</li> </ul>

<b>human rights and the requirement to respect the human rights of others</b>	informing the Georgian public on human rights	regions  24.3.1.2. formulation of a long-term strategy for informing the public about human right issues (in cooperation with important partners, such as: the media, businesses and international organizations)  24.3.1.3. formulation of pilot training schemes for interested groups of journalists on human rights issues, in order to increase their knowledge and coverage of human rights issues (and instruments), in their journalistic activities	Task Force (coordinating and monitoring mechanism)	2015          2015	strategy for raising awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulation of pilot training schemes on human rights related issues</li> </ul>
<b>25. Other Issues: Improvement of the National Action Plan</b>					
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action/Measure</b>	<b>Responsible Body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>25. comprehensive, consistent and ongoing human rights national action plans</b>	25.1. improvement and technical refining of the 2014-2016 national action plan	25.1.1. preparation of next chapters of the action plan, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• right to education</li> <li>• right to the highest attainable standard of health</li> <li>• strengthening of domestic</li> </ul>	MES; MoLHSA; MoJ; MoF; MRDI; MoE; Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia;	2014	

		legal guarantees on environmental human rights	MoD; MoESD		
		25.1.2. analysis of the convergence of objectives, measures and indicators	National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force	<b>2014-2015</b>	
	25.2. updating of objectives and measures during the 2014-2016 period, if necessary	25.2.1. preparation of proposals for the periodic updating of the national action plan; submission to the Government of Georgia	National Human Rights Inter-Agency Task Force	<b>2014-2015</b>	