REPORT ON YOUR 26 JUNE EVENT 2005

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2. ABOUT YOUR 26 JUNE 2005 EVENT:

Venue and date; 26 June, 2005, Georgian Public Defender's Office Conference Hall, Tbilisi Machabeli Str. 11.

Details of the event/s

The Special Press Conference "Together against Torture" was held at the Georgian Public Defender's Office on June 26, 2005 by the Coordination of the RCT/EMPATHY, Georgia.

NGOs Conference participants applied to the Parliament of Georgia:

- > To Ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture ...
- To Change the Criminal Code of Georgia, Article regarding Torture, to include in this Article the Definition of Torture in accordance with UN Convention against torture Article 1.
- To change the Georgian Law regarding Imprisonment in accordance with EC and UN Standards, especially regarding health care in Prison.

The special report regarding analysis held on the dates from Tbilisi pre – Trial Prison #1 on torture situation in Georgia was presented by the Centre EMPATHY.

As a result of this and previous campaigns made by the civil society on this issue by the leadership of RCT/EMPATHY and other co – organizers of this event:

- The Georgian Parliament on the July 7 ratified the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture.
- The Parliament of Georgia approved the new Code regarding medical investigation of the prisoners in each case of the dislocation, except the dislocation on the Court and back.

The presented Report with RCT/EMPATHY, Georgia Annual Report is attached.

Organizations that co-organized the event:

NGOs: Institute of Liberty and GYLA (Young Lawyers' Association); As well as Georgian Public Defender's Office

Organizations that participated in the event : NGO-s – members of Independent Monitoring Board Ministry of Justice of Georgia, as well Public Defender Office

Approx. number of participants attending the event more than 40

Media coverage of the event (please attach press clippings) At the Press-conference were presented TV companies: "I Channel of Georgian Television", Independent Broadcasting Company "RUSTAVI 2", Radio 106, Green Wave, Informational agencies "Prime news", Newspapers "RESONANSI", "ALIA", "24 SAATI"

Did you produce campaign materials for your event? (please describe and provide a sample, if possible)

Declaration "Together Against Torture III" – distributed among the participants, as well as sent to the President of Georgia, Parliament of Georgia and Georgian Government.

3. THE 26 JUNE 2006 GLOBAL CAMPAIGN:

Your recommendations and ideas for next year's global campaign - 26 June 2006

- From our point of view special conferences dedicated to the issue of Torture Prevention and torture Victims support can be held with presentations on impact of Torture and ill treatment on general situation in the country.
 - Round Tables with involvement in discussion of NGO-s and governmental authorities are recommended as well may be in Live TV format with debates.
 - Trainings oriented on "Second Generations" with students (especially with students of Legal and Medical faculties) at Torture prevention and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims are recommended.

4. WILL YOU BE SENDING PHOTOS OR OTHER INFORMATION BY SURFACE MAIL?



Thank you for joining 'Together Against Torture'