

# REPORT

on your event to commemorate

## 26 June 2006

### UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

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##### 1. ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

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## 2. ABOUT YOUR 26 JUNE 2006 EVENT

Venue and date:

**26 June, 2006; Hotel "Sheraton Metechi Palace", Conference Hall.**

Details of the event/s :

The III Conference « Together against Torture » was held at the June of 26, 2006 in Georgia, Tbilisi ;

The main theme of the Conference was Implementation of International Standards on prevention of Torture in Georgia.

The overall goal of the Conference was focused around following items that was presented during the Conference: Necessity of Implementation of "Istanbul Protocol", CAT Articles and OP CAT, as well as principles of international medical ethics and international standards on health care in prison.

**Key presentations were:**

*Prison Health Care Services – International Standards and Critical Situation in Georgia, Recommendations for Reform – Dr. Mariam Jishkariani, RCT/EMPATHY, Georgia*

*Principles of International Medical Ethics and Situation in Georgia – Dr. Gia Lobzhanidze, Chairman of the Georgian Medical association.*

*International Standards on Patients' Rights and Situation in Georgia – Dr. Irma Manjavidze, Senior Expert of the Patients' Right Centre at the Public Defender Office.*

*International Standards, Georgian Legislation and Practice Concerning of Torture – Ms. Eka Iakobishvili, Penal Reform International.*

*UN OPCAT and Necessity of Elaboration of Anti – Torture Plan for Georgia – Mrs. Mary Murphy, Director of the PRI Regional office.*

*Mental Health in Prison, Situation in Georgia – Dr. Mariam Jishkariani, RCT/EMPATHY, Georgia*

*Open Discussion on – Level of Independency of Doctors in Georgia, "Doctors at Risk Zone" – Risk of Pressure and Protecting Mechanisms – Chairman Dr. Levan Labauri, Secretary General of the Georgian Medical Association.*

The Welcome speakers on the Opening Ceremony were:

Mr Sozar Subari – Public Defender of Georgia and Mr Torben Holtze – Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Georgia and Armenia.

The Women and Juvenile's Prisoners Art Works Sale – Exhibition was held too during this day at the same palace.

The Special Declaration with recommendations for torture prevention in Georgia was elaborated and approved during the Conference.

The Declaration mainly is focused on implementation of the Istanbul Protocol Principles, Principles of the International Medical Ethics and Health Care Standards in Penal System in the Country, as well as on implementation of the Articles of CAT and OP CAT too in the Country.

The Declaration was sent to the President of Georgia , to the Parliament of Georgia and to the Premier Minister of Georgia.

All Conference materials will be published on Georgian and English and will be submitted to the NGOs, Governmental agencies and international and intergovernmental organizations. As well as will be published on web page of the Centre.

**The Prisoners – Women and Juveniles Art – Work sale – exhibition was carried out during this event too.**

**The informational support was provided by the Public Broadcasting of Georgia, this TV Channel was jointed the international TV – Spot and the Video Clip sent by the IRCT on 26 of June was circulated during this day on this TV Channel. This action was free of charge.**

Organizations that co-organized the event :

- Penal Reform International
- Georgian Medical Association
- Crisis Intervention Centre in Military Conflict Zone (Gali Regiona)
- Informational support was provided by the Public Broadcasting of Georgia. (This TV Channel was jointed the 26 of June TV Spot).

Financial Support was provided by the European Union (This event was part of the RCT/EMPATHY project “The Programme of Rehabilitation of Torture Victims in Georgia” funded by EU.

Organizations that partipated in the event :

**Governmental Organizations** : Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Justice Prison Department, Directors of the Juvenile Colony and Women Colony; Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Refugees Affairs; Tbilisi State Medical University Forensic Medicine Department; Psychiatry Department; National Centre of the Forensic Expertise of the MoJ; Public Monitoring Commissions of the West Georgian Prisons; National Research Centre of Therapy; Toxicology Informational Centre; Research Institute of Psychiatry; General Prosecutor’s Office; Parliament Human Rights Committee; Public Defender’s Office Representatives; etc.

#### **Local NGOs**

Young Lawyers’ association; Article 42 of Constitution; Georgian Medical association; Georgian Psychiatrists’ Society; CIPDD; GCRT; Crisis Intervention Centre from Gali Region; Mothers’ And Children Protection Association; Lawyers Union “Vekili”;

#### **International Organizations, Embassies, Inter – Governmental Organizations**

European Commission Delegation to Georgia and Armenia; OSCE Mission to Georgia; British Council; French Embassy; UN Human Affairs Team; UN OHCHR; NORLAG; UNHCR; UNICEF; USAID; ICRC; UNDP; PRI.

#### **Religious Organization:**

Georgian Orthodox Church’s Representative

**Totally more then 40 organizations:** Governmental, Non – Governmental; International and Inter – Governmental organizations were participated in the Event.

**Wide range of mass media representatives:** TV Channels, Newsletters, Radio Channels were presented during this Event. all these are listed bellow.

Approx. number of participants attending the event ; 100 persons ;

Media coverage of the event (please attach press clippings):

**Mass media was presented during the Conference:**

- 1) European Commission Journal (English Language)**
- 2) Newsletter "Resonansi"
- 3) Newsletter "Svobodnaia Grusia" (Independent Georgia – Russian Language Newsletter);
- 4) Informational Agency "Interpressnews".
- 5) Newsletter "24 Hours"
- 6) Newsletter "Akhali Taoba"
- 7) TV "IMPEDI"**
- 8) TV "Mze"**
- 9) Public Broadcasting of Georgia**
- 10) TV Channel "202"**
- 11) TV "Caucasia"**
- 12) Public Radio Channel of Georgia
- 13) Radio Channel "Fortuna"

The Event was reviewed in all listed Newsletters and was presented in all listed TV Channels' Programmes "News" with Interviews with Organizers.

**In 26 of June the RCT/EMPATHY President had life interview in international Radio "Liberty", regarding 26 of June and Situation on torture in Georgia. As well as she answered during the interview on questions of public representatives.**

**The informational support was provided by the Public Broad casting of Georgia; This TV Channel was jointed the TV Spot officially and free of charge video clip was presented during the day. This international video clip on 26 of June was translated on Georgian and was presented on Georgian Language.**

### 3. CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

Which of the following materials provided by the IRCT did you use?  
(please tick in each box where appropriate)

- ◆ background paper on this year's theme: support the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
- X statement from the IRCT President
  
- X statement from UN Special Rapporteur
- X TV spot
- X campaign kit
- fact sheets
- essay and art competition kit
- idea catalogue
- press kit
- t-shirts
- X badges
- balloons
- X posters

Did you produce your own campaign materials (please describe and provide a sample, if possible):

The IRCT Book: International Instruments and Mechanisms for the Fight against Torture – was re – printed, Copies N = 100, and distributed among Conference materials;

Special Pens and Files was produced and distributed among participants.

The special Press – Realise and Agenda of the Conference was produced and distributed;

The Power Point Presentations was presented on relevant thematic areas.

The 3 rd Declaration “Together Against Torture” was elaborated and presented on the Conference; The Declaration was submitted to the President of Georgia, Parliament of Georgia and Premier Minister of Georgia. The Declaration is focused on implementation of international standards on prevention of torture in Georgia, especially is focused on Implementation of OP CAT and CAT relevant articles; as well as the Principles of Istanbul Protocol; Principles of the International Medical Ethics and CPT, EC and UN guidelines on Health Care in Prison.

The Conference presentations will be published and distributed among international and national (Government and NGOs), as well as intergovernmental organizations. This book will be send to the IRCT upon publication, as soon as possible;

The Photo and Video materials were provided as well.

All materials will be attached this report.

Translated on English and Published Conference materials will be send to IRCT upon its publication.

### 4. THE 26 JUNE 2007 GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

Your recommendations and ideas for next year's global campaign – 26 June 2007

Please send the form by surface mail, fax or e-mail to the following address:  
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**Thank you for joining  
'Together Against Torture'**