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MISSION STATEMENT

Our society wants sustainable peace, prosperity, and freedom. We believe that these goals can only be achieved through respect for individual freedom and dignity, development of vibrant and diverse civil society, competitive and transparent private business sector, effective and accountable public institutions based on the rule of law. It is crucial for us to be a unified political national but at the same time respect and preserve cultural diversity that is part of our historical heritage. We support Georgia's integration into European and Euro-Atlantic institutions as strategic goals of our society, and we consider close cooperation among the countries of South Caucasus and Black Sea regions to be critically important for our development.

In order to achieve these goals, Georgian society needs coherent political strategies, an honest and qualified assessment of its achievements and weaknesses, and a broad and informed public debate around these strategies and assessments. People representing different segments of society should be involved in this debate. We need high-quality democracy whereby people know how to reach consensus and how to agree to disagree. This is where we see our contribution. We produce knowledge on our society, we develop vision on how it should become better, and we bring people together to discuss ways of our development.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development (CIPDD) was founded in August 1992 in Tbilisi, Georgia. It is a non-governmental and not-for-profit organisation. CIPDD is not linked to any political party. CIPDD is a public policy think-tank mainly active in Georgia. However, it is also involved in regional cooperative projects with the countries of South Caucasus, Black Sea and Balkan regions. CIPDD often works in partnership and coalition with other civil sector organisations, be they Georgian or foreign. On the other hand, CIPDD often cooperates with the Georgian government, political parties, international and local organisations. CIPDD is not neutral with regards to political values: if there is a need, it takes part in civic initiatives in support of liberal democracy. In such cases, CIPDD usually enters coalitions with like-minded organisations and individuals.

Ghia Nodia, the CIPDD chairman, provides general guidance of CIPDD activities. The six-strong administrative staff is managed by the executive director, Avtandil Jokhadze. CIPDD's program activities are coordinated by the internal *Executive Board*, which includes the chairman, executive director and project coordinators.

CIPDD's work is strategically guided and supervised by the board of seven members:

- Ia Antadze
- George Gvakharia

- Emzar Jgerenaia (Chairman)
- Emilia Khalilova
- Erekle Mchedlishvili
- Giga Zedania
- Malkhaz Songhulashvili

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2007

CIPDD continued its organisational development in 2007, in accordance with the strategic plan laid down in preceding years. Namely, CIPDD renewed its website (www.cipdd.org), set up a public relations office, recruited and trained new personnel, expanded its project assessment and monitoring system, established new partnership relations with some international and local organisations, and became a member of several international networks: Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS), Russian and Eurasian security network (RES), and International Relations and Security Network (ISN). To

FINANCES

CIPDD relies on sponsorship of donor organisations, and enthusiasm and responsibility of its staff, partners and colleagues. Only a small portion of its funds comes from other sources, such as, for instance, incomes generated by the sale of CIPDD publications (most of these publications are distributed for free).

The 2007 budget of CIPDD totalled the equivalent of 1 504 625 USD (see the 2007 audit report at the www.cipdd.org).



2nd CSO Fair/Forum
May 4-5, 2007

improve its workplace conditions, CIPDD purchased a new office (72 Tsereteli Avenue).

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

As a public policy think-tank, CIPDD has focused on three main program priorities outlined in its strategic development plan:

- Public policy debate and development
- Democratic state and support for civil institutions
- Civil integration in the multi-ethnic and multi-confessional environment

(more information about CIPDD program priorities is available at www.cipdd.org)

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CIPDD research covered the following themes in 2007:

1. Audit of the democratisation processes in the country and publication of policy papers
2. Political experience of Eastern Europe
3. Improving democratic governance of security sector in Georgia
4. Integration of ethnic minorities
5. The teaching of religious tolerance in public schools
6. Political institutions in Georgia
7. Support for transparent and fair elections
8. Encouragement of a dialogue between the government and the public
9. Civil education and development of a civil society
10. Regional cooperation among NGOs

1. Audit of the democratisation processes in the country and publication of policy papers

A panel of leading political analysts, created by the CIPDD, held several sittings in 2007 and published three policy briefs:

- Urban Development and Private Property in Tbilisi
- The president's New Initiative for South Ossetia: What Will It Bring About for Georgia in the Future?
- Feasibility of Construction a Nuclear Power Plant in Georgia

The briefs were published in Georgian and English and distributed by e-mail. The recipients included governmental agencies, parliamentary groups, media outlets, political parties, and individual researchers. CIPDD received feedback on the briefs from both local and international organisations.

In 2007 CIPDD continued the project “Research and Analysis of the Situation in the Region of Samtskhe-Javakheti” sponsored by the Office of High Commissioner on National Minorities, OSCE. In the framework of the project, CIPDD prepares monthly reports in Russian and English on political, economic, socio-cultural, and institutional indicators in the region, on the basis of monthly reports from local correspondents (there are 12 correspondents altogether with different ethnic backgrounds) and reviews of the Georgian media coverage of the problems of Samtskhe-Javakheti.

DONORS

CIPDD projects were funded by the following donors in 2007:

- National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
- OSI Think Tank Fund - Budapest
- PolishAid
- International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES)
- European Commission
- Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE ODIHR)
- United Nations Democracy Fund (UN-DEF)
- Embassy of the Netherlands
- Office of High Commissioner on National Minorities (OSCE)
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
- Open Society - Georgia Foundation
- TV broadcasting company Rustavi-2
- TV broadcasting company Mze
- Public Broadcaster of Ajaria
- Cordaid foundation (Netherlands)

2. Political experience of Eastern Europe

With the assistance of CIPDD about a dozen public servants were able to carry out research projects on the following themes: health care policy, gender discrimination, the government’s policy with regard to European integration, trafficking. Policy papers were created on all these themes with assistance of Polish partners and on the basis of Polish experience. The policy papers were presented at a special seminar. The presentation was followed by discussion. The papers were distributed among governmental officials and NGO experts, and are available at www.cipdd.org and www.isp.org.pl

CIPDD and Ilia Chavchavadze State University have jointly developed a methodology to study the influence of the international community on the democratisation processes in Georgia.

3. Improving democratic governance of security sector in Georgia

To increase the level of policy analysis and political debate, experts, invited by CIPDD, prepared training module, workbooks and other educational materials for public servants, young researchers, and journalists. It is planned to conduct the trainings in the capital, Tbilisi, and several regions – Ajaria, Imereti, Shida Kartli, and Samtskhe-Javakheti. The training participants will be taught how to choose between various methods to analyse and resolve political problems.

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

CIPDD implemented joint projects with the following organisations in 2007:

- Institute of Public Affairs (IPA, Poland)
- Internews Georgia
- Civil Integration Foundation (Georgia)
- Research Centre "Region" of the Association of Investigative Journalists (Armenia)
- Committee for Protection of Journalists of Azerbaijan
- Saferworld (UK)
- Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD)
- Association "School-Family-Society" (Georgia)
- International Centre of Civic Culture (ICCC, Georgia)
- Centre for Journalism in Extreme Situations (Moscow)
- Ilia Chavchavadze State University
- Georgian Institute of Public Affairs
- Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)

The resource centre for security policy analysis, created on the basis of CIPDD library and website, provides free access to information about international arms control treaties and obligations. The resource centre includes a e-database of the laws and regulatory documents on arms control and security policy in Georgia.

CIPDD carried out a research in 2007 on security policy in Georgia. The research results became the basis for David Darchiashvili's book "Security Sector Reform in Georgia",

which outlined measures to improve democratic control and management of the security sector in Georgia.

To help improve security policy, CIPDD arranged training seminars in 2007 to increase qualification of the correspondents preparing monthly reports about the situation in Samtskhe-Javakheti for the OSCE Office of High Commissioner on National Minorities.

Throughout 2007 CIPDD was engaged in the development of the South Caucasus experts' network, which aims to facilitate the repatriation of IDPs and refugees.

4. Integration of ethnic minorities

In 2007 CIPDD launched a six-month program to teach Georgian in Kvemo-Kartli and Javakheti on the basis of a new methodology. Beneficiaries included local NGOs and opinion-makers. Simultaneously, the teaching program was monitored. A Georgian grammar book with exercises is currently under preparation.

CIPDD organised an Armenian-Georgian forum for Armenian and Georgian experts, which was focused on the integration and other problems of the Javakheti population.

CIPDD and its partner organisations – Civil Integration Foundation (Georgia), Research Centre "Region" of the Association of Investigative Journalists (Armenia), and Committee for Protection of Journalists of Azerbaijan – worked jointly through-



Opening local resource centers for journalists in Marneuli, September 24, 2007

out 2007 to support independent media in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli. Such kind of support is seen as instrumental in facilitating civil integration of local ethnic minorities.

The media support project is supposed to improve the coverage of regional problems in central media and provide the local public with reliable information about their problems and needs.

5. The teaching of religious tolerance in public schools

In 2007 CIPDD continued its religious tolerance program for teachers of public schools. The hitherto results of the program, which began in 2003, were analysed and assessed in October-December 2007. The assessment included comparative analysis of the teachers who underwent the training "Learn and Teach Religious Tolerance" in 2005-06 and their counterparts who did not. The analysis results helped revise and improve the teaching program.

6. Political institutions in Georgia

The CIPDD project to support institutional development of political parties began in 2005. Its main objectives are to assist Georgian political institutions in modernising their internal organisation and capacities, and facilitate Georgian inter-party ties. In the framework of the project, CIPDD carried out three ToT programs – on negotiation skills, trainer's skills, and training planning – for six leading Georgian political parties. The training programs were prepared by Dutch experts of the Christian-Democratic Party. As a result of the training, the parties were able to provide staff training for their central and regional offices. The project also included a number of other activities: regular monitoring of Georgian newspaper materials about the country's political institutions, multi-party conferences aiming at the improvement of the inter-party relations in Georgia, etc.

The so-called VoteMatch – a tool for assessment of political parties'



Opening local resource centers for journalists in Akhalkalaki, September 24, 2007



Multiparty conference *Local Politics*
March 28, 2007

programmes and a tool for their electorate, created by the Dutch Institute of Political Participation – was presented, for the first time in Georgia’s modern history, at the multi-party conference on February 8-9, 2007. The VoteMatch is a tool that can, on the one hand, help voters review party positions on various issues and make an informed choice and, on the other hand, aid political parties in their effort to develop coherent policies and party programmes. At first, party representatives have to fill in a special questionnaire. At the next stage, the same questionnaire is filled by voters who can clearly see whether the party priorities match their views. As a result, voters are able to identify like-minded political parties. The participants of the conference agreed to apply the new system at the 2008 parliamentary elections.

7. Support for transparent and fair elections

In December 2007, in cooperation with its partner organisations (Ilia Chavchavadze University, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, GIPA and

Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, GFSIS), CIPDD implemented planning and organisational phases of the 2008 national exit poll. The main objective of the poll is to ensure transparency and civil control of the 2008 January 5 snap presidential elections, triggered by the November 2007 events. The implementation phase of the project will involve Georgian sociological institutions with high reputation and competence. Around 800 people will take part in the project (581 interviewers, 100 controllers, telephone operators, drivers and etc.) Democratic Initiatives Foundation of Ukraine is the main project consultant. Besides, Ukrainian and American sociological groups will be in Georgia on January 5 to observe the Exit Poll process.

8. Encouragement of a dialogue between the government and the public

CIPDD’s arms control project has invigorated a dialogue between the government and the civil society. The project aimed to foster a broad



Multiparty conference *Political Party Funding and Fundraising*
March 27, 2007

public consensus in Georgia and involved local NGOs and research institutions dealing with security problem, students and lecturers of Tbilisi, Telavi and Kutaisi universities, journalists, governmental officials (ministries of foreign affairs, defence, and public health care; customs and border defence departments), and lawmakers.

A university curriculum on small arms control was prepared in the framework of the project. The teachers of Tbilisi, Telavi and Kutaisi universities said they were willing to use it in the education process.

9. Civil education and development of a civil society

Prior to the 2008 snap presidential elections, in December 2007, CIPDD presented expert analysis and launched a broad public debate in order to raise public awareness and provide information about the country's political system for the citizens. It was the first-ever public debate to take place in the country's ethnic enclave. CIPDD experts provided training for local TV journalists and laid groundwork for the production of educational-information TV programmes in the region. They also participated in 20 talk-shows of the regional TV companies and trained 30 local residents as election observers. Besides, CIPDD published 2000 copies of a voter's guidebook in Russian (the language ethnic minorities understand).

Various activities were carried out throughout 2007 to improve democratic governance of security sec-



A government-civil society roundtable
on *setting up a civil society
network/working group on arms and
security issues*
March 2, 2007

tor in Georgia. CIPDD contributed to the development of a national security network, which is made up of central and regional NGOs, and media institutions. To raise public awareness of the security sector reform, respective articles were published in national and local newspapers, and TV programmes were produced and broadcasted.

To facilitate the development of a civil society at the regional level, CIPDD implemented a media support project, in cooperation with various local organisations. It also carried out needs assessment and problem evaluation surveys in Kvemo Kartli and Javakheti in June-August, and organised broad public discussions in these regions in October-November (with participation of local NGOs, self-government bodies, media, etc). In all, 107 participants attended the discussions.

In 2007 CIPDD began to coordinate governmental, international, and local programs in Javakheti. The process will end in the summer



Training *Multicultural environment and journalism* Marneuli,
June 22-23, 2007

2008 with the creation of a regional network of NGOs. The network is supposed to attract more volunteers and expand civil education programs.

In 2007 CIPDD set up and equipped four resource centres in the ethnic minority regions for the local journalists, and carried out training-workshops for the centre administrations. The website www.caucasusjournalists.net ensures an online cooperation between the resource centres.

In 2003, in cooperation with the Centre for Journalism in Extreme Situations (Moscow), CIPDD developed a Russian-Georgian analytical website www.pankisi.info, in order to improve quality of information about Georgia and Russia available in both countries and create an additional source of information about the Georgian-Russian relationships. The project continued in 2007 with Georgian press monitoring, translation of selected articles into Russian, and publication of exclusive articles on the website. The website covers a lot of themes. One of its sections is named "Georgian Press about Russia".

10. Regional cooperation among NGOs

Two regional conferences were held in 2007 with participation of partner organisations from Baku (Committee for Protection of Journalists of Azerbaijan) and Erevan (Research Centre "Region" of the Association of Investigative Journalists). A press consortium was set up in the framework of the project and 37 articles were commissioned by its member-newspapers. The articles were published in Russian and English in the CIPDD online-magazine *South Caucasus* (www.caucasusjournalists.net), and about 70 percent of the articles were published in member-newspapers of the consortium.

Besides, CIPDD produced a number of interactive TV talk-shows, which were broadcast by Channel-2 and 19 local TV companies. The talk-shows included online interviews in which questions were posted by the viewers. Four interviews on the problems of ethnic minorities were conducted and published on the website. A spokesman of the Dashnaktsutyun Party of Armenia was also interviewed online. In addition, two online discussions were carried out with participation of experts from neighbouring countries.

MEDIA MONITORING, CONFERENCES, DISCUSSIONS, TV TALK-SHOWS, TRAINING PROGRAMS

In 2007 CIPDD continued monitoring Georgian press materials about the

country's political institutions. Monitoring results are available at www.partiebi.ge. Another objective of the press monitoring is to provide newspaper articles for the Russian-Georgian analytical webpage www.pankisi.info

Several conferences were held in 2007 to promote a multi-party dialogue in Georgia. Conference topics were selected at preliminary consultations with political parties, taking into account their urgency. Apart from the leaders of political parties, the conferences were attended by Georgian and foreign experts. The participants looked into the legislation base

and initiatives for the institutional development of political parties and relevant foreign experience.

In cooperation with the Saferworld, CIPDD worked out the program of a one-day information seminar about international small arms control instruments. On the basis of the program CIPDD organised seminars for local NGOs interested in the problems of human rights and national security.

CIPDD experts participated in dozens of talk-shows of regional TV companies, which addressed various aspects

POLICY BRIEFS



1. *Urban Development and Private Property in Tbilisi*

David Aprasidze

In Georgian and English



2. *The president's New Initiative for South Ossetia: What Will It Bring About for Georgia in the Future?*

David Darchiashvili

In Georgian and English



3. *Feasibility of Construction a Nuclear Power Plant in Georgia*

Tamara Pataraiia

In Georgian and English

A Georgian language textbook and posters for Georgian language teachers and trainers were prepared and published.



Presentation *Society and Politics* #6
June 12, 2007

of the Georgian political system. The experts highlighted the results of the plebiscite (one of its questions was about Georgia's ambition to join NATO). Viewers were able to ask the experts their questions live.

Two online discussions were carried out by CIPDD with participation of experts from partner countries. Besides, eight discussions were held in various regions of the country with participation of local opinion-makers (local self-governments, NGOs, media).

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broadcasted by Channel-2 and 19 local TV companies, and conducted online interviews at the www.caucasusjournalists.net website.

In 2007 CIPDD experts provided training for several regional TV companies. On the whole, eight two-day and two one-day training workshops were carried out.

A six-day training for journalists was arranged in Bakuriani in cooperation with Heinrich Boll Foundation.

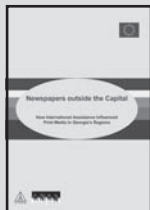
A three-day ToT seminar on June 27-29, 2007, focused on the teaching of Georgian as foreign language on the basis of California University Prof. Alan Crawford's methodology. The training beneficiaries included 12 teachers from four regions of the country and six consultants from the Association "School-Family-Society".

Besides, three training workshops were held in 2007 to improve competence and qualification of the correspondents reporting about the situation in Samtskhe-Javakheti.

PUBLICATIONS



Society and Politics, No. 6
In Georgian



Newspapers Outside the Capital,
In Georgian and English

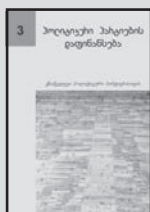
Brochures



Parties and Self-Governance, No.1
In Georgian



Party System in Georgia, No.2
In Georgian



Political Party Funding, No.3
In Georgian

APPENDIX

2007 CIPDD projects

Working on the Quality of Democratic Participation: Increasing Public Policy Competence

Project coordinator: Tamara Pataraia

Duration: 1.10.2007-30.09.2008

Budget: \$ 45,495

Donor: National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

Co-funding: OSI Think Tank Fund Budapest

Objectives: Capacity building for public policy analysis and debate among selected target groups such as political party, central and local government representatives, NGO activists, researchers, and journalists.

Institutional Support

Project coordinator: Tina Tkeshelashvili

Duration: December 2007-2008

Budget: \$ 60,300

Donor: Open Society Institute Think Tank Fund

Objectives: Core institutional support to CIPDD in 2007-2008 to undertake policy work on democratic transformation and institution building. Activities within this project include training, seminars, research, producing policy briefs etc.

Fellowship Program for Georgian Policy and Opinion Makers

Project coordinator: Gia Gotua

Duration: 1.06.2007-31.12.2007

Budget: \$ 9,575

Donor/Partner: Institute of Public Affairs (Poland)

Objectives: Capacity building for policy centres as well as future leaders of country in the field of policy analysis, particularly in producing policy research and analysis. Cooperation between governmental and non-governmental institutions.

Talk-shows on Regional TV – Presidential and Parliamentary Systems of Government

Coordinator: Lika Sanikidze

Budget: \$ 20,000

Duration: 30.11.2007-31.01.2008

Partner: Internews Georgia

Objectives: Voter education on various systems of government, and potential legal, political and economic results of changing the current system

Independent Media for Civil Integration

Project coordinator: Paata Gurgenidze

Duration: 1.03.2007-29.02.2010

Budget: 479,576 EURO

Donor: Delegation of EU Commission to Georgia

Partners: Civil Integration Foundation (Georgia), Research Centre "Region" of the Association of Investigative Journalists (Armenia), Committee for Protection of Journalists of Azerbaijan

Objectives: Improvement of professional qualification of local journalists in Kvemo Kartli and Javakheti as a means to strengthen independent regional media in Georgia.

Improving Democratic Governance of Security Sector in Georgia through Empowering Civil Society

Project coordinator: Tata Makhatadze

Duration: 1.12.2006-1.12.2007

Budget: 32,744 EURO

Donor: Delegation of EU Commission to Georgia

Partner: Saferworld

Objectives: Improvement of democratic governance and human rights situation in Georgia by means of increasing the quality, accountability and transparency of Georgia's public security institutions.

Political institutions in Georgia

Project coordinator: Lika Sanikidze

Duration: 01.04.2007-31.01.2008

Budget: 90,700 EURO

Donor: The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Partner: Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD)

Objectives: Facilitation of the institutional development of Georgian political parties and promotion of a multi-party dialogue in Georgia.

Supporting Ethnic Minorities for Democratic Political Participation

Project coordinator: David Losaberidze

Duration: 1.04.2007-31.12.2008

Budget: \$ 333,550

Donor: United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)

Partners: Association "School-Family-Society", International Centre of Civic Culture, Civil Integration Foundation

Objectives: Development and implementation of civil education programs for ethnic minorities.

Georgian-Armenian Expert Forum on Javakheti

Project coordinator: Marina Elbakidze

Duration: 1.09.2007-31.03.2008

Budget: 6,795 EURO

Partner: Caucasus Media Institute (CMI, Armenia)

Donor: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Objectives: Integration of the ethnic Armenian population of Javakheti.

Research and Analysis of the Situation in the Region of Samtskhe-Javakheti

Project coordinator: Marina Elbakidze

Duration: January 1.04.2007-31.03. 2008

Budget: 37,981 EURO

Donor: OSCE High Commissioner of National Minorities

Objectives: Prevention of potential tensions in Samtskhe-Javakheti through monitoring political, economic, socio-cultural and institutional indicators in the region and support for local NGOs.

South Caucasus Experts' Network for IDP Return/Restitution Policy Facilitation

Project coordinator: Malkhaz Saldadze

Duration: 1.01.2007-31.08.2007

Budget: 24,990 EURO

Donor: Danish Refugee Council (DRC)

Objectives: Facilitation of the development and implementation of governmental policy on IDPs and refugees.

The Georgian-Russian Analytical Website www.pankisi.info

Project coordinator: Tamara Shamil

Duration: 03.07.2006-03.07.2007

Budget: \$ 17,640

Donor: Open Society Georgia – Foundation (OSGF)

Partner: Centre for Journalism in Extreme Situations (Moscow)

Objectives: Improvement of the quality of information about Georgia and Russia available in both countries and creation of an additional source of information about the Georgian-Russian relationships.

Exit poll 2008

Project coordinator: Ghia Nodia

Duration: 1.12.2007-1.02.2008

Budget: 52,576 GEL

Donors: TV broadcasting company Rustavi-2; TV broadcasting company Mze; Public Broadcaster of Ajaria

Partners: Ilia Chavchavadze State University, Public Relations Institute, and Centre of Strategic and International Studies

Objectives: Transparency of the snap presidential elections.

Institutional Support 2007 – “Bridge” 3

Project coordinator: Levan Abashidze

Duration: 1.01.2007-31.12.2007

Amount: 100,000 EURO

Donor: Cordaid

Objectives: Core institutional support for CIPDD and promotion of religious tolerance in Georgia.