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Dear Sir/Madame,

Referring to your letter of November 20, 2009 (reference: poverty 2009 ER) I have the honor to transmit the response of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia to the questionnaire on the issue of "social protection of older persons from a human rights perspective."

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.


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(i) The legal and institutional framework

1. a) The only eligibility criteria for receiving the pension is age 60 for women, and 65 for men, it does not take into account the nature of the occupation (e.g. formal or informal employment)
- b) There are no restrictions (including a qualification period) for receiving the pensions
- c) It is a non-contributory programme (pension scheme)
2. The programme's (pension scheme's) regulatory framework is the "Law on State Pensions" and Decree # 46/n of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia issued on February 10, 2006.
 3. a) The main governmental body which conducts design and monitoring activities of the programme (pension scheme) is the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia. Responsible for implementation of the programme is Social Service Agency (under the supervision of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs). The agency has branches on regional and district levels.
 - b) Civil society organizations were involved in the elaboration process of the "Law on State Pensions". They provided with consultations, proposals and comments.

(II) Programme costs and coverage

4. According to the 2009 data number of beneficiaries of the programme (pensioners who receive old age pension) is 654 931 persons, 450 157 out of them are women, and 204 774 men.

| Age | Older than | | | | | | total |
|----------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|---------|
| | 79 | 75-79 | 70-74 | 65-69 | 60-64 | other | |
| Number of pensioners | 106,707 | 118,517 | 183,118 | 146,402 | 97,669 | 2,518 | 654,931 |

Collecting data on profile of pensioners' ethnicity or origin does not occur.

5. The programme covers all geographical areas of Georgia (except Abkhazia, and so called South Osetia due to the political confrontation of local de facto governments).
6. Annual budget of the programme (pensions' expenditure) is approximately 635 mln. GEL. It constitute 3,7 % of the GDP (2008).