

Information on implementation of the UN HRC Resolution 33/22 “Equal participation in political and public affairs”

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Effective legislative tools

To encourage women’s participation in politics and the decision-making process, the Organic Law of Georgia on Political Unions of Citizens foresees the supplementary funding of 30% for any political party whose list of candidates for the membership of the parliament is comprised of at least 30% of the candidates of a different gender within every ten candidates starting from the number one candidate of the list.

Furthermore, on 2 May 2014 the new Anti-discrimination Law was adopted. It explicitly prohibits discrimination on the ground of sex and gender identity in both the public and private sector and imposes responsibilities not only on public institutions, but also on any legal entity or individual. Significantly, the Georgian Government has introduced the novelty in the antidiscrimination law — principle of multiple discrimination as women like other disadvantaged groups might be especially susceptible to multiple and concurrent forms of discrimination.

Effective inter-agency coordination

One of the most important functions of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia is to facilitate cooperation between the different authoritative bodies of Georgia as well as insurance wide public participation into the discussion of legislative initiatives. Inter-agency coordination ensures effective participatory and consultative processes, as well as harmonized and unified governmental policy development and implementation of an effective mechanism.

There are following thematic interagency coordinating bodies acting under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice:

- Anti-Corruption Interagency Coordinating Council,
- Criminal Justice Reform Interagency Coordination Council;
- Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Drug Abuse;
- Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings;
- Interagency Coordinating Commission on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law;
- Interagency Coordinating Council against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- State Commission for Migration Issues;

- Private Law Reform Implementation Advisory Council;
- Legal Groundwork Interagency Coordinating Council for Development of Land Management;
- Interagency Task Force for Free and Fair Election and the Open Government Platform
- State Commission on Issues Related to Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions

Representatives of non-governmental organisations with respective profiles and sufficient expertise as well as human rights institutions are widely involved into work of all the above mentioned policy coordinating bodies.