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OFFICIAL CEREMONY OF SIGNING THE PROJECT DOCUMENT OF PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

As a result of today's official signing ceremony at the Parliament of Georgia, the project of Parliament of Georgia and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – "Strengthening Transparency and Effectiveness of the Parliament and Government of Georgia" - will be officially launched on 01 June 2004.

The official signing ceremony will be attended by the Chair of the Parliament of Georgia, Ms. Nino Burjanadze, Minister of Finance, Mr. Zurab Nogaideli and the UN Resident Coordinator / UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Lance Clark.

The main goal of the project is to support the legislative and the executive branches of power in modernization of the law-making process. Therefore, an effective, transparent and harmonized cooperation of the above branches will be promoted. The project is based on using contemporary methodologies and information and communication technologies taking into account the local context.

The activities planned under the project will be implemented in the following areas:

- Modernization of the law-making process;
- Improvement of management capacities;
- Development of Public Relations supporting the mechanisms for wider participation of civil society in law-making activities with an increased transparency;
- Development of Human Resources and improvement of the Personnel Management and Training systems;
- Promotion of advanced information and communication technology (ICT) tools.

The project was prepared by the UNDP National Consultants' Team in Georgia at the initiative of the general management of the Parliament.

The project is funded by the Government of Georgia and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The funds envisaged for the implementation of the project represent a grant and its duration is 36 months. The National Director of the Project is the Chair of the Parliament of Georgia, Ms. Nino Burjanadze.

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