



GOVERNMENT REPORT TO CITIZENS OF GEORGIA

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF GEORGIA

LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

- **Innovative legislation on mediation**
 - **Fast and efficient justice**
 - Establishment of the Georgian Mediators Association
 - **Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**
 - A unified 15-year government strategy will be developed
 - Interagency coordination Committee will be established
 - Adapting the justice system
- **New law for regulating Insolvency field**
 - More incentives for enterprise rehabilitation
 - Avoiding bankruptcy
- **New draft law of Georgia on Entrepreneurs**
 - Better regulation of corporate relations
 - Corporate transparency will be increased
- **New Code of Enforcement**
 - Simplification of the enforcement process
 - Improving services within the enforcement process and beyond
 - Creating a healthy business and investment environment in the country

INTERAGENCY ACTIVITIES

- **Trafficking**
 - Issues of homeless children
- **Drug monitoring**
 - The National Center for Drug Monitoring has been established - cooperation with the EMCDDA
 - Joining the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe
- **Fight against corruption**
 - Implementation of the action plan
 - Cooperation with UNODC and GRECO
- **Migration**
 - Strategy for 2021-2030
 - Granting observer status to Georgia in the European Migration Network (EMN)
- **Prohibition of torture**
 - Protecting the rights of victims
 - Rehabilitation programs

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- European integration
 - Visa-free travel
 - Implementation of the Association Agreement Agenda
- Preparation of state reports
- Representation of Georgia's positions in international organizations
 - UNODC
 - Pompidou Group
 - EMCDDA
 - Human Rights Dialogue
 - Justice Freedom and Security Sub-committee

STATISTICS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ECHR)

- Reforms and statistics:

- 2004-2012: **5416** Complaints
- 2013-2019: **732** Complaints
- 2020 (six months): only **52** Complaints

- Content of complaints:

- Until 2012:
 - Violation of right to life, torture, improper conditions and treatment in prisons, illegal detention, seizure of property
 - Lack of a fair trial, drug planting, illegal use of force against demonstrations
- Since 2013 (including 2020):
 - Domestic violence, length of trial, legality of administrative fines.
 - Not a single complaints from the penitentiary system

PROTECTING STATE INTERESTS IN INTERNATIONAL COURTS

- **The 2008 war case in the ECHR**
 - The judgement will be issued on January 21, 2021
 - To win this case, Georgia submitted up to 700 solid pieces of evidence and documents along with legal analysis.
- **The case of the deportees**
 - The Committee of Ministers examines this case at all its sessions
 - An interim resolution was passed in December 2020 and Russia was given a strict warning
 - Deadline for presenting position is February 1, 2021
- **Investigation of the Hague Tribunal**
 - Active cooperation continues to enforce justice for victims

PENITENTIARY SYSTEM

- Continuous medical care
- Updated fleet vehicles
- New Staff of Escort Officers - Trials are no longer delayed
- **The salaries have been regulated and the outflow of staff has stopped**
- On May 1, 2020, Penitentiary Establishment No. 9 (so-called Matrosov Prison), which was intended for former high-ranking officials, was liquidated.
- **A new N10 penitentiary facility has been set up for the treatment of TB patients**
- It is planned to build several new, small-scale closed type penitentiary institutions (for 600-700 convicts) in accordance with modern European standards.
- It is planned to arrange a completely new infrastructure for the psychiatric department of Medical Institution No. 18, in Daba Ksani, near the existing penitentiary institutions.
- Convict employment programs

PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

- **Services Development Agency**
 - Improvement of the voter list
 - Digitization of Civil Acts - digitization of 639 676 acts in 2020
 - Address Verification - 461,603 addresses from 55 settlements in the country and records of 2,962,893 persons
- **National Agency of Public Registry**
 - Simplification of land registration procedures
 - Systematic registration of land plots
 - Specification of real estate owned by Tbilisi Municipality
 - Opening of the new head office of the Public Registry on September 1, 2020.



PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

- **Public Service Halls and Community Centers**
 - Kareli Public Service Hall opened this fall;
 - Construction of Gardabani and Tskaltubo Public Service Halls is nearing completion;
 - 11 community centers opened in Aspindza, Abasha, Baghdati, Dedoplistskaro, Vani, Ninotsminda, Chokhatauri, Chiatura, Chrebalo, Khobi and Kharagauli;
 - Tenders are underway for the construction of Samtredia and Khashuri Public Service Halls;
 - Design Works Completed for Construction of Public Service Halls in Zestaponi, Akhmeta and Terjola

ACTIVITIES OF LEPLS

- **Legislative Herald**
 - Translation of the laws in Azerbaijani and Armenian languages
 - Indication of sources of international law on key articles of legislature
- **National Archives**
 - Issuing archival information online and digitalization of documents
 - Restoration of feature and documentary films
 - **Restoration of Samtskhe-Javakheti Regional Archive**
- **Training Center of Justice**
 - Trainings for rural population
 - Trainings for penitentiary system employees
 - Free education programs and trainings for the general public

ACTIVITIES OF LEPLS

- **National Bureau of Enforcement**
 - Electronic data exchange service with large-scale banking institutions
 - Information about debtors can be searched electronically
 - Working on a draft of the new Code of Enforcement was completed in 2020
- **Notary Chamber**
 - Development of an application that will completely replace the Skype program
 - Improving the electronic registry of the archives of the Notary Chamber
- **Digital Governance Agency**
 - my.gov.ge has up to 220,000 users and offers up to 700 electronic services
 - The rate of use of e-services is growing every year:
in 2018 – 154,000, in 2019 – 305,000, by November 2020 - up to 400,000

FIGHT AGAINST COVID19 IN THE MINISTRY SYSTEM

- Transition to a remote mode of operation
- A special folder StopCov has been created on the Legislative Herald's website for relevant legal acts
- A booking system has been launched to provide services by public service halls and community centers
- Majority of services are available online through MY.GOV.GE
- Prioritized training modules of the Training Center have been adapted to the remote format
- Temporary notary offices have been set up
- The consent of the Ministry is required for the performance of notarial acts outside the notary offices

FIGHT AGAINST COVID19 IN THE PENITENTIARY SYSTEM

- Penitentiary facilities are disinfected regularly
- Medical quarantine zones have been set up
- Each newly admitted prisoner undergoes medical screening and testing
- Ongoing screening and testing of penitentiary staff
- Prisoners participate in court sessions remotely

Not a single case of COVID-19 has been detected in Georgian penitentiary institutions!





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