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Coalition for
an Independent and
Transparent Judiciary

Statement of Coalition

To Konstantine Kublashvili, the Chairman of Administrative Committee of Conference of Judges

Mr. Kublashvili,

The Coalition for an Independent and Transparent Judiciary reacts to the Conference of Judges to be held on 9 June and notes special importance of this event in the development of independent judiciary.

Keeping that in mind, we highly appreciate repeated statements made by the Chairman of Supreme Council during public sittings that the session of the Conference will be open whilst the process transparent. However, we would like to address the Chairman of Administrative Committee as well as members of the Conference of Judges for the aim of clarifying a number of procedural issues.

In particular, as it has been noted during past sittings of the Administrative Committee, several alternative places for seating interested persons are being considered, including the balcony in a courtroom, places for juries and accused persons. We believe that when planning the Conference, the Administrative Committee should take into account a number of important issues:

- Considering a special interest expressed towards the Conference of Judges, it will probably be attended not only by observers but also a large number of guests and representatives of media. This creates the need for dividing and allocating seats for each of these groups whilst in case of necessity, considering a possibility of conducting the Conference in a larger venue;
- It is also important that the Administrative Committee provides a possibility for a segment of observers to be seated during the vote so that they can watch the process of ballot and also monitor the vote counting without any impediment. We think the settlement of mentioned issues requires additional instructions outlined in the draft amendments to the regulation;

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Article 42 of the Constitution
Multinational Georgia
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Enterprise Association
Civil Integration Foundation
Georgian Lawyers for
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Center for Protection of
Constitutional Rights
International Society for Fair
Elections and Democracy
Association Green Wave
The Union "21 Century"
Georgian Young Lawyer's
Association Human Right
Center
Transparency International
Union of Meskhetian Democrats
Liberty Institute
Georgia Bar Association
Civil Development Agency
United Nations Association of
Georgia
The European Law Students'
Association
Civil Society Institute
Open Society Georgia
Foundation
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American Chamber of
Commerce
Association of Civic Initiatives
and Employees Defense
Eurasia Partnership Foundation
Institute of Development of
Freedom of Information
Human Rights Priority
Tbilisi Media Club
Human Rights Education and
Monitoring Centre
Foundation for the Support of
Legal Education

- In order to ensure that the activities of observers and representatives of media do not interfere with the process of the Conference, on the one hand, whilst on the other, the activities of these groups are not impeded, it is necessary to draw up adequate instructions for them and provide those instructions to them beforehand as well as the information on the distribution of seats;
- To ensure maximum transparency of the entire process and in particular, the vote counting procedure, it would be better to show, by using existing technical means, the course of the process on screens especially installed in the hall. Moreover, the process of vote counting should be filmed and shown on the screen so that ballots unfolded by the vote counting commission are seen clearly on the screen.

The Coalition expresses its desire once again to monitor the sitting of the Conference of Judges and to send its representatives as observers there. In addition, we hope that the Conference will be prepared so that unimpeded conduct of the Conference as well as the smooth operation of observers and media will be ensured.

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