



**Coalition**

for an Independent and  
Transparent Judiciary

The Coalition Refuses to Participate in the Work of the Georgian State  
Commission for Selecting Judicial Candidates for European Court of Human  
Rights

August 25, 2017

To the State Commission for Selecting  
Judicial Candidates from Georgia  
to the European Court of Human Rights

In response to your letter #4920 of August 17, 2017, please be informed that the Coalition for a Transparent and Independent Judiciary will not participate in the work of the Commission for selecting judicial candidates for the European Court of Human Rights.

As you may recall, the Coalition issued a public statement on this matter on July 28, 2017, calling on the Government of Georgia to change the rules on composing the State Commission and its procedures. We consider this necessary since with the existing composition rules and procedures the Commission has already twice failed to fulfill its mandate – to draw a list of judicial candidates for the European Court of Human Rights through strict, fair and transparent selection procedures that would give the Court a real choice among the candidates. Along with releasing a public statement, the Coalition representative to the Commission also notified the Commission of the statement via email on the same day. Unfortunately the government has not shared our opinion.

Given the circumstances, the Coalition for Transparent and Independent Judiciary does not expect that the third competition conducted by the Commission with the same composition and using the same procedures will be fair and objective. The Coalition believes that our participation in the work of the Commission would be pointless.

Respectfully,

Eka Gigauri,  
Chair of the Coalition

Coalition Members:

Article 42 of the Constitution  
Multinational Georgia  
Georgia Small and Medium  
Enterprise Association  
Civil Integration Foundation  
Georgian Lawyers for  
Independent Profession  
Liberal  
Center for Protection of  
Constitutional Rights  
International Society for Fair  
Elections and Democracy  
The Union “21 Century”  
Georgian Young Lawyer’s  
Association  
Human Right Center  
Transparency International  
Union of Meskhetian Democrats  
Liberty Institute  
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  
Europe Foundation  
Institute of Development of  
Freedom of Information  
Human Rights Priority  
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Monitoring Centre  
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Legal Education  
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Association of law firms of  
Georgia  
Association of Young  
Economists of Georgia  
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