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**Statement of
Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
Georgian National Platform**

Eastern Partnership Georgian Civil Society National Platform supports the joint initiative of non-governmental and media organizations on resuming the “This Affects You” campaign.

We think the problem related to surveillance is still high on the agenda and creating system guarantees is necessary in order to exclude the willfulness of law-enforcement bodies on the matter.

We agree with the initiators of the campaign that the certain provisions of applicable Georgian legislation run counter to the standards established by the European Court of Human Rights.

We ask the parliament to share the following proposals developed by the initiators of the “This Affects You” campaign:

- To create effective system, which will ensure the high standards of investigating the violation of law on one hand, and exclude the possibility of obtaining personal information on private citizens arbitrarily and groundlessly;
- To exercise surveillance and interception only in case of concrete persons and crime (namely, in case of grave and especially grave crimes);
- To set time limits on surveillance and interception in order to exclude that they are used arbitrarily and with excessive time periods; also, introduce effective regulations of keeping and destroying surveillance and interception tapes;
- To create an independent mechanism to supervise surveillance and interception, and increase responsibilities of the Court and other responsible bodies.
- To increase the role of the Court and the Parliament.

Signatory organizations:

1. Open Society Georgia Foundation
2. European Initiative – Liberal Academy Tbilisi
3. Georgian Press Association
4. Georgian Association of Regional Broadcasters
5. Public Advocacy
6. Georgian Young Lawyers' Association
7. Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies
8. Union "Ecotech"
9. Human Rights Center
10. Student-Youth Council
11. Save The Future Generation
12. Greens Movement of Georgia
13. International Business and Economic Development Centre
14. Transparency International Georgia
15. Energy Efficiency Foundation
16. Association "Toleranti"
17. "Women Enterprise" Fund Georgia
18. Association "DEA"
19. International Center of Geopolitical research
20. Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia
21. Caucasian Institute for Economic and Social Research
22. Women's Initiatives supporting Group
23. Repatriates' Union
24. Peaceful and Business Caucasus
25. Healthy World
26. Caucasus Environmental NGO Network
27. Georgian Association "Women in Business"
28. Foundation "Multi- Ethnic Resource Centre on Civic Education Development"
29. Association of Tea Producers Georgia "Georgian Tea"
30. Youth Alternative
31. Center of Development and Democracy
32. Public Movement "Multinational Georgia"
33. Cultural-Humanitarian Fund "Sukhumi"
34. Eurasia Partnership Foundation
35. IDP Women Association "Consent"
36. ECOVISION
37. Georgian Civil Development Association
38. Economic Policy Research Centre
39. Association "Green Alternative"

40. Association European Studies for the Innovative Development of Georgia
41. Georgian Trade Union Confederation
42. Youth Association "Droni"
43. Association "MERKURI"
44. Caucasian University Women
45. Free Choice
46. Institute for Policy Studies
47. Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Georgian National Committee
48. International Center for Civic Culture
49. International Center on Conflict and Negotiation
50. Association of Young Professionals in Energy of Georgia
51. Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia
52. Studio "Re"
53. Civitas Georgica
54. Centre for Cultural Relations - Caucasian House
55. Union "Borjghalo"
56. Union "Article 42 of the Constitution"
57. World Experience for Georgia
58. Association of Youth Journalists "New Vision"
59. Penal Reform International
60. Association for the Farmers' Rights Defence
61. International Organization of Human Rights protection and Prisoners social welfare