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EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

Minutes of the 12th General Assembly of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform

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On December 19, 2023, the 12th General Assembly of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform (EaP CSF GNP) was held at the hotel Holiday Inn Tbilisi.

As of December 19, 2023, 209 organizations have been registered as GNP members. 151 representatives of 209 GNP member organizations registered for the General Assembly, of which 128 representatives have full voting rights.

In accordance with Article 7.3 of the Statute, the General Assembly of the GNP members is quorate if it is attended by more than one third of members on the list.

The General Assembly of members was convened under the Statute approved on October 7, 2019 and in accordance with the procedure for convening the General Assembly.

Please see the list of organizations and representatives represented at the General Assembly.

A representative of the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia attended the General Assembly as an invited guest.

The General Assembly was opened by Nino Chkhobadze, Chairperson of the Georgian National Platform who welcomed the Platform members and invited guests. She shared the General Assembly Agenda to the participants for approval.

The General Assembly Agenda was adopted by a show of hands vote.

Decision: The General Assembly Agenda presented by the Chairperson was approved by a majority vote.

Key issues on the General Assembly Agenda:

1. Platform activity report and future challenges;
2. Amendments to the Statute;
3. A vote counting commission (7 members) elections;
4. Information about election procedures;
5. Georgian National Platform elections;
6. Elections;
7. Announcement of election results / summary of the General Assembly.

Please refer to the attached full agenda.

1. Platform activity report and future challenges

In the first part of the General Assembly, Nino Chkhobadze, Chairperson of the GNP, her deputies (Lasha Tughushi, Nugzar Kokhraidze), Natia Kuprashvili, National Coordinator for Georgia and Kakha Gogolashvili, Co-chairman of the EU-Georgia Platform presented the platform activity reports 2021-2023.

Nino Chkhobadze (Chairperson of the GNP): The Chairperson announced a moment of silence to honor the memory of the deceased Tamaz Vashakidze and other colleagues. She also congratulated the Platform members on the country being granted EU candidate status. Mrs. Chkhobadze reviewed the work processes that preceded the granting candidate status to Georgia. Active involvement of the Platform members was ensured in the aforementioned process. Organizations thematically selected based on their activities and high professional

experience were nominated by the Platform to participate in the Working Groups (WG) established by the Parliament of Georgia. Memorandum of Cooperation was signed with the Parliament of Georgia. 3 joint conferences were held. Issues related to 12 priorities were reviewed and fulfillment of obligations under the Association Agreement were discussed within the conferences.

Lasha Tughushi (Deputy Chairperson of the GNP, WG1 Co-coordinator): WG1 Coordinator congratulated the Platform members on the historic victory, which implied granting EU candidate status to Georgia. He noted that it was crucial to continue working, to agree and take important steps to help Georgia move to the process of accession negotiations at the end of next year.

He noted that the Georgian National Platform is a successful project. "We managed to take important and valuable measures, which were positively assessed and reflected in the European Commission's Report, on the basis of which Georgia was granted candidate status.

We were active in many directions. We had shortcomings, many difficulties and problems, but all this has equipped us with experience that we will definitely take into account and use in the future. The GNP was also very active in the area of foreign relations. It is noteworthy to mention the support provided to platforms of other Eastern Partnership countries by the GNP, in particular: financial support was provided to war-torn Ukraine and we also helped Azerbaijan, Armenian and Belarussian platforms to function effectively and fully".

Nugzar Kokhreidze (Deputy Chairman of the GNP, WG3 Co-coordinator): WG3 participated in the mediation process for the Namakhvani Hydro Power Plant. During 2 years, more than 6 Working Group meetings were held. The Working Group members participate in the process of developing the energy security strategy of Georgia. The Working Group made statements regarding explosion of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant, the threat to the Zaporozhia nuclear power plant, oil spill in Russia and other events.

Kakha Gogolashvili (Co-chairman of the EU-Georgian Civil Society Platform): He congratulated the attendees on the country being granted EU candidate status and spoke about the importance of unity of the civil society in the new reality where processes are very forced and require the active participation of the civil society. The EU-Georgian Civil Society Platform exists for bilateral cooperation and on the basis of Article 412 of the Association Agreement. He spoke about the structure and working principles of the EU-Georgia Platform as well as the platform's goals. "The challenge faced by the aforementioned Platform is the lack of systematic mechanism for financing its activities. Therefore, there is a constant need to find financial resources to implement various activities". Parties prepare thematic reports for

EUGeorgia Platform meetings. Moreover, a joint declaration is adopted at every meeting, which covers a number of issues and addresses topical and problematic issues. "With the help of declarations we call on the government and the representatives of the European Union to take specific measures. A joint declaration can make impact due to the fact that it is sent to the Georgia-EU Association Council. Last year, the letter received from the Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, is the proof that our activities lead to important results."

Please refer to the attached letter of the President of the European Commission.

Natia Kuprashvili (National Coordinator for Georgia of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum; Journalism Resource Center): She summarized activities implemented by the Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, talked about the number and content of public documents elaborated and published during the reporting period, the crisis responded to by the Eastern Partnership countries, such as, the post-pandemic crisis in Belarus, the Karabakh conflict and Russia's invasion and war in Ukraine; the role played by the Steering Committee in the process of obtaining EU membership status for the countries of the Eastern Partnership Trio and how this historic decision (granting Georgia candidate status and transitioning to the accession action plan for Ukraine and Moldova) might affect the architecture and future of the Eastern Partnership. She noted that somehow it served as the basis for the decision to extend the term of the delegates of the EaP CSF. She spoke about the dangers that arise against the background of causing disunity in the civil society in the Eastern Partnership countries such as, Belarus and Armenia. Therefore, she focused on the importance of unity and solidarity of the civil society.

2. A vote counting commission (7 members) elections

The vote counting commission membership candidates were nominated by the Platform members.

The nominated candidates confirmed/denied their desire to be members of the vote counting commission, namely:

1. Levan Natroshvili - International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) - confirmed his participation in the commission
2. Natalia Khokhiashvili - New Generation for Democratic Georgia – refrained from participation
3. Saba Brachveli - Open Society Foundation – refrained from participation
4. Giorgi Dzamukashvili - Community Foundation "Genius Loci" - confirmed his participation in the commission

5. Manana Tsulaia - Biological Farming Association Elkana - confirmed her participation in the commission
6. Ia Tikanadze - Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Representative Office in Georgia - confirmed her participation in the commission
7. Germane Salia - Alliance of Regional Broadcasters - confirmed his participation in the commission

The representatives included in the initial list refrained from working for the commission; therefore, two new candidates were nominated:

1. Shavleg Shelia - Jefferson Center - confirmed his participation in the commission
2. Christina Kilanava - Association "Imedi" IDP Women's Movement for Peace - confirmed her participation in the commission

Nino Chkhobadze (Chairperson of the GNP):

She proposed the General Assembly to vote for the nominated candidates together.

The attendees voted by a show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

128 votes in favor

0 abstention

0 against

Decision: Vote for the vote counting commission members together.

The vote counting commission members were voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

127 votes in favor

1 abstention

0 against

Decision: The General Assembly of the GNP elected members of the voting commission:

1. Levan Natroshvili – ISFED
2. Giorgi Dzamukashvili - Community Foundation "Mother of the Place"
3. Ia Tikanadze - Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Representative Office in Georgia
4. Germane Salia - Alliance of Regional Broadcasters

5. Manana Tsulaia - Biological Farming Association Elkana
8. Shavleg Shelia - Jefferson Center
9. Christina Kilanava - Association "Imedi" IDP Women's Movement for Peace

3. Discussion

The following attendees expressed their opinions:

Murman Margvelashvili (World Experience for Georgia): It is crucial to specify how many member organizations function directly within the platform. I would like to thank the Council, which worked actively. "At first, I was skeptical about signing the memorandum but at a certain point I realized that it was necessary in the process of obtaining the EU candidate status. Now we should determine how this tool can be used as a mechanism that will promote the activity and participation of the civil society." He also talked about the Namakhvani Hydro Power Plant, which has caused various types of damages to the country. A joint dialogue involving all parties has not been organized so far.

Vakhtang Zarkua (Energy Efficiency Foundation) submitted a proposal to establish a commission that would work to identify flaws in the Statute and to refine the document. Accordingly, it would share a new version of the Statute at the next General Assembly. He responded to Kakha Gogolashvili's initiative: taking into consideration that only two members nominated their candidates for the chairmanship, Vakhtang Zarkua proposed to vote for establishment of a model of two co-chairs, who would be appointed for a period of one year and together and would perform the functions provided for by the Statute together on the basis of mutual cooperation and agreement.

Lasha Bliadze (Georgian Trade Union Confederation): It was important to discuss labor issues with the Parliament. He spoke about the specifics of WG5, which is problematic at the national and international (forum) levels. Social dialogue is a process which should involve employers and employees. Therefore, it is crucial to carry out major changes, which means participation of representatives of trade unions and business in this group.

Kakha Gogolashvili (Director of the Centre of EU Studies at Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies): "Maintaining unity is essential. Despite different views, we should find a format of cooperation that will ease the existing tension between the coalition members". He urged the Platform not to be guided by the principle of "legalism" due to the fact that overcoming crisis was more important than being guided by the Statute. He proposed to the coalition members to replace sole chairmanship of the platform with

three-year or one-and-a-half-year co-chairmanship (similar to the "trio" presidency of the European Union), who would jointly manage the activities of the GNP's Coordination Council in turn, observing the order.

Christina Kilanava (Association "Imedi" IDP Women's Movement for Peace): Issues related to conflicts, peace and public diplomacy should be discussed more actively among the Platform members. Regional organizations need the Platform's support for sharing and advocating the results of their activities.

Aleko Tskitishvili (Human Rights Center): "Polarization within civil society is what the government dreams of. We saw that the government did nothing to get candidate status. I would like to thank the members of the governing body of the GNP for their efforts. The government's attempt to pass the law on foreign agents was not the last sabotage. There are many challenges ahead. We have a Russia-centric government that is trying to discredit civil society. We suspect that we will face similar challenges next year and therefore, it is essential to be active and combative. We think that it is high time for changes in the Platform and therefore, we nominated our candidate and we believe that their experience will be of great benefit to the Platform's activities".

Irakli Petriashvili (Georgian Trade Union Confederation) : "The winners are not judged. We all obtained the EU candidate status together. We all have contributed to this process and once again I would like to congratulate you on this great success. We need to analyze the issues that will help us to effectively walk the path that will take our country to the next stages. We should show solidarity to each other in the thematic direction we are working on. We should be able to influence the processes".

Alu Gamakharia (Association "Peaceful and Business Caucasus"): "I will respond to Kakha Gogolashvili's initiative, which I believe will serve as a good example not only for us how to take a step in the process of conflict resolution, but also for our political parties how to manage a crisis." He focused on the Law on Occupied Territories and explained that in his opinion the law punished the occupied and not the occupiers. "It will be essential if the Platform will serve as a lobbyist to make amendments to the aforementioned law. We have a number of examples and cases that confirm our opinions. The issue of issuing Georgian passports is also problematic."

Tamar Japaridze (Mothers Against Gambling): "Civil society contributes to the progress and development of the country. We could not have celebrated the EU candidate status today if we had not been active. I have a proposal to give badges to all attendees at the Next General Assembly that will facilitate getting to know each other".

Natia Kuprashvili (Journalism Resource Center) – Her initiative helped to clarify that since the position of the co-chairman was completely new for the governing structure of the coalition, the Statute no longer restricted nomination of new candidates due to the fact that the chairperson elections were no longer held and the coalition had to elect representatives for a completely new position.

After the discussion, the initiatives presented by the General Assembly attendees were voted by show of hands:

Kakha Gogolashvili's initiative: illegality and introduction of the principle of electing two co-chairs.

Decision: Kakha Gogolashvili's initiative was taken into account by the majority of the Platform members.

Vakhtang Zarkua's initiative to establish a commission for monitoring, evaluating and elaborating a new version of the Statute, which will present a new version of the Statute at the next General Assembly.

Decision: Coordination Council will be requested to formulate a decision regarding Vakhtang Zarkua's initiative to establish a commission for monitoring, evaluating and elaborating a new version of the Statute, which will present a new version of the Statute at the next General Assembly.

Natia Kuprashvili's initiative to give the opportunity also to other candidates to be nominated for co-chairmanship at the General Assembly since a new position is introduced.

Decision: Other candidates for co-chairmanship will also be nominated during the nomination of the candidates for the Coordination Council.

4. Amendments to the Statute

In the next part of the General Assembly, Chairperson of the GNP presented the draft Statute amendments to the attendees.

On December 7, the draft Statute amendments submitted by two members of the council – Nona Kurdovanidze, WG1 Coordinator and Nugzar Kokhreidze, WG3 Coordinator, were shared with the GNP members electronically. Opinions expressed by other members during the discussions held at the meetings of the Coordination Council were added to the initiated amendments. The opinions of the Council members were reconciled for the most of the amendments and they were presented to the General Assembly as an initiative of the Coordination Council in full compliance with the procedure referred to in Articles 7.2 and 10.5(c) of the Statute. The Articles on which the Council could not agree were shared and presented as individual opinions.

The GNP reviewed the draft Statute amendments presented by the Coordination Council.

At the General Assembly of the GNP, the following articles of the Statute were amended:

Article 2. Goals of Georgian National Platform

2.1. The goals of Georgian National Platform are as follows:

Paragraph “f” was added - f) facilitate and support Georgia's accession to the European Union.

Total: 128 voting organizations

128 votes in favor

0 abstention

0 against

Decision of the General Assembly: The Article shall be hereby approved.

Article 3. Forms of Activities

3.1. To achieve the goals set by the Statute, the National Platform shall:

Paragraph “n” was added - n) promote dialogue-based cooperation with the executive and legislative authorities (both, at the central and local levels) and the judiciary.

Total: 128 voting organizations

114 votes in favor

0 abstention

4 against

Decision of the General Assembly: The Article shall be hereby approved.

Article 4. National Platform Membership

Paragraph 4.4 shall read as follows:

"An interested organization shall submit a written application composed in an established form to the Coordination Council of the Platform, wherein it shall indicate the person/persons, who, in case of membership, will represent the interested organization in the relations with the Platform. Contact persons must not be public servants or officials of political parties during the last five years. (Council's version)"

The following attendees expressed their opinions: Ketii Chachava, Ucha Nanushvili and Guram Imnadze.

They thought that this record would be a problem, which contained signs of discrimination.

Total: 128 voting organizations

0 votes in favor

10 abstention

118 against

Decision of the General Assembly: Article 4(4.4) shall remain unamended.

Article 4. National Platform Membership

Paragraph 4.6 was discussed – “The Platform members shall decide on the issue of membership no later than 1 month upon receiving the application based on written feedback of the active members. The application submitted by the organization seeking membership shall be accompanied by recommendations of 5 active member organizations. If none of the members provide their feedback regarding the interested organization submitted by the secretariat within 1 month, the organization shall become a member of the Platform after one month, and if written feedback received from the members show different positions regarding membership of the organization, a decision shall be made by the Coordination Council by majority voting. (Council's version)

Total: 128 voting organizations

7 votes in favor

17 abstention

114 against

Decision of the General Assembly: Article 4(4.6) shall remain unamended.

Article 4. National Platform Membership

Paragraph 4.7 was discussed- “Before the membership issue is decided, an organization seeking membership shall submit a letter of consent about approval and sharing of the Platform goals as well as recognition of the Code of Ethics as a mandatory set of rules to the Chairperson of the current Council.”

The proposal was voted by show of hands

Total: 128 voting organizations

128 votes in favor

0 abstention

0 against

Decision of the General Assembly: Paragraph 4.7 Article shall be hereby approved.

Article 6. Rights and Responsibilities of National Platform Members

6.1. National Platform member organizations may:

- c) receive any information from the Coordination Council of National Platform about the activities of the National Platform, among them, about the date and agenda of the Council meeting no later than 3 days earlier and a protocol within a week after the meeting;
- d) submit a proposal on making a statement on behalf of the National Platform to the General Assembly. (Council’s version)
- e) submit their own candidates or candidates from another member organization to participate in different work formats to the Coordination Council. (Council’s version)

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

128 votes in favor

0 abstention

0 against

Decision of the General Assembly: Paragraph 6.1 (c,d,e) - the initiated amendments were adopted unanimously.

Article 7. General Assembly of National Platform

7.1. General Assembly of the National Platform Members is the supreme governing body of the National Platform, which is convened at the request of the Coordination Council, Chair of the Coordination Council and one-fifth of the members at least once a year; (Nona Kurdovanidze's initiative)

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

0 votes in favor

0 abstention

0 against

Decision of the General Assembly: Paragraph 7.1 - the initiated amendments were adopted unanimously.

Article 11. Chairperson of the Coordination Council

Different opinions were expressed regarding the amendments presented within the Platform. Mr. Gogolashvili's initiative implied 3 co-chairs, among whom 1 would have priority for one

year and after one year priority would be transferred to another co-chair by the principle of rotation.

Mr. Vakhtang Zarkua introduced an initiative to have two co-chairs who will simultaneously lead activities for 1 year.

Ms. Lia Nadaraia introduced an initiative to have 2 co-chairs, where 1 of them would have priority for 6 months and the other - for the next 6 months.

Nugzar Kokhreidze (Deputy Chairperson of the GNP, Co-coordinator of WG3) suggested the participants of the General Assembly first to agree on the conceptual approach by voting and then formulate the the article on its basis.

He put the first conceptual principle to the vote:

- The Platform elects two co-chairs:

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

125 votes in favor

1 abstention

2 against

Decision of the General Assembly: the Platform elects two co-chairs.

- The platform elects two co-chairs with equal powers:

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

112 votes in favor

10 abstention

6 against

Decision of the General Assembly: The platform elects two co-chairs for a term of one year:

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

123 votes in favor

3 abstention
2 against

Decision of the General Assembly: The platform elects two co-chairs for a term of one year.

On the basis of the adopted concept the Article shall read as follows:

11.1. Two Co-chairmen of the Coordination Council, with equal powers, shall be elected by the General Assembly among the Platform members for a term of one year;

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Decision of the General Assembly: Paragraph 11.1 - - The amendments initiated at the General Assembly were adopted unanimously.

Nugzar Kokhreidze (Deputy Chairperson of the GNP, WG3 Co-coordinator) mentioned that since the procedure for electing co-chairs had been changed that in turn required many amendments to be made to other related articles, which had not been considered by the Coordination Council, they could not be discussed at the General Assembly; therefore, he suggested to request the Coordination Council to correct incompatibilities with regard to other articles which may have arisen due to the amendment to Paragraph 11.1 as soon as the Coordination Council began implementation of its mandate.

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations
115 votes in favor
6 abstention
7 against

Decision of the General Assembly: Request the Coordination Council to correct incompatibilities with regard to other articles which may have arisen due to the amendment to Paragraph 11.1 as soon as the newly elected Coordination Council begins implementation of its mandate.

Kakha Gogolashvili ((European Studies at the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies) introduced an initiative to change the procedure for electing Coordinators of Working Groups, which implied introduction of the principle of one vote. One vote elects 1 candidate (Working Group Coordinator) in the relevant group. Prior to this General Assembly, each organization could vote for two organizations to elect each Working Group Coordinator. According to the new rule, one organization has the right to vote for only one Working Group Coordinator.

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

109 votes in favor

9 abstention

11 against

Decision of the General Assembly: One organization has the right to vote for only one Working Group Coordinator .

4. Report of the Dispute Resolution Body

Tengiz Svanidze (Acting Chairperson of the Dispute Resolution Body) provided participants of the General Assembly with information about their activities; in particular, at the extended meeting of the platform's member organizations held on on July 18, 2022, when among other issues fulfillment of 12 EU recommendations was discussed, Ms. Natalia Arghvliani, Head of Civil Platform for Peace between Georgians, Abkhazians and Ossetians expressed her opinion, which, according to the members, contradicted the Statute of the GNP. This led to outrage among member organizations and demand to discuss the issue by the Dispute Resolution Body established under the Code of Ethics. Based on the request of the members, the Dispute Resolution Body meeting was held on August 3, 2022.

Based on discussions held by members of the Dispute Resolution Body provided recommendation to the Coordination Council to suspend membership of the aforementioned organization before the General Assembly and to put the issue of expulsion of the organization to vote at the next General Assembly.

Please refer to the attached Dispute Resolution Commission Meeting Minutes.

Tengiz Svanidze (Acting Chairperson of the Dispute Resolution Body) proposed to expel NGO Civil Platform for Peace between Georgians, Abkhazians and Ossetians from the Platform for violating the goals of the GNP Statute and Code of Ethics.

The proposal was voted by show of hands:

Total: 128 voting organizations

105 votes in favor

17 abstention

6 against

Decision of the General Assembly: Expel NGO Civil Platform for Peace between Georgians, Abkhazians and Ossetians from the Platform for violating the goals of the GNP Statute and Code of Ethics.

5. Elections

During the General Assembly, elections of Co-chairs of the GNP and Working Group Coordinators and also elections the EU-Georgia Platform members and the Dispute Resolution Body members were held. Information about the General Assembly was shared with the members on November 29. The letter was accompanied by instructions from the GNP Statute regarding the elections procedures. Another registration to calculate the quorum was conducted before the elections. During the new registration, it was determined that out of 128 persons with the right to vote there were 105 representatives of organizations with the right to vote at the beginning of the elections. Accordingly, at the General Assembly held on December 19, 2023, 105 bundles/envelopes of ballots were distributed by the secretariat and a member of the election commission to the voters of 105 organizations registered by the secretariat for the elections for various positions.

Each pack/envelope contained 4 different colored ballots for 4 different elections.

The election procedure was moderated by Natia Kuprashvili, Journalism Resource Center (JRC). According to the decision of the commission, the vote counting commission was chaired by Levan Natroshvili - International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED).

Nomination of candidates:

2 candidates were nominated for the position of the Chairperson of the GNP.

1. Nino Chkhobadze - Green Movement of Georgia/Friends of the Earth Georgia;
2. Ucha Nanuashvili - Human Rights Center.

Candidates nominated at the General Assembly, who participated in the voting by secret ballot for Working Group Coordinators:

Candidates for Working Group Coordinators:

WG1:

- Baia Pataraiia – Union “Sapari”
- Eka Tsimakuridze - Democracy Index Georgia
- Lasha Tughushi - Liberal Academy Tbilisi
- Ketevan Chachava - Center for Democracy and Development (CDD)

WG2:

- Zviad Eliziani - International Business Development and Investment Promotion Center (IBDIPC)
- Nino Elizbarashvili - Women and Business Association
- Kakha Nadiradze - Association for Farmers Rights Defense
- Giorgi Melashvili - European-Georgian Institute
- Giorgi Chumburidze - Business Promotion Center, Kutaisi ● Levan Silagava – Georgian Producers' Federation

WG3:

- Nugzar Kokhreidze - Research-Intellectual Club "Dialogue of Generations”
- Vakhtang Zarkua - Energy Efficiency Fund
- Izolda Machutadze - Association “Chaobi”
- Manana Devidze - Foundation Caucasus Ecology
- Rezo Getiashvili - CENN - Caucasus Environmental NGO Network ● Murman Margvelashvili - World Experience for Georgia

WG4

- Nukri Kvelashvili - Youth Alternative
- Irma Pavliashvili - Open Space Caucasus
- Aleko Tskitishvili - Human Rights Center
- Nukri Milorava - Foundation Abkhazia
- Tsira Meskhisvili - Association Tolerant
- Marine Solomonishvili - Lea International Foundation
- Maka Jakhua - Green Wave

WG5

- Raisa Liparteliani – Georgian Trade Unions Confederation
- Nugzar Meladze - Green Earth
- Irina Putkaradze - Public Defender
- Lado Mkervalishvili - Rights Georgia
- Natalia Shavladze – Trade Union of Energy

The following attendees expressed their opinions:

Guram Imnadze (Social Justice Center) considered nomination of Nugzar Kokhreidze as WG3 Coordinator illegitimate, arguing that he was WG6 Coordinator in previous years and was elected as the WG3 Coordinator during the last elections. His representation in the Council exceeded a 2-year term, which contradicted Article 10.8 of the Statute.

Nona Kurdovanidze (Georgian Young Lawyers' Association) shared Guram Imnadze's position and called on the Platform to remove Nugzar Kokhreidze's candidacy from the ballot.

Nino Chkhobadze (Greens Movement of Georgia/Friends of the Earth Georgia) Nugzar Kokhreidze himself proposed amendments to the Statute of the Coordination Council with regard to this issue, which limited voting for one representative of the organization from different groups, but the Council rejected it.

Raisa Liparteliani (Georgian Trade Union Confederation) demanded to identify all those persons who had run for Council several times and the General Assembly would take it into consideration.

Natia Kuprashvili (Session Moderator, Journalism Resource Center) noted that the aforementioned Article of the Statute had been used differently in practice for many years and

that the General Assembly had to decide whether to vote for Nugzar Kokhreidze's candidacy; moreover, the Assembly had been informed about that. Coordinator of the session called the candidates and their representatives to check their names in the lists.

Candidates nominated at the General Assembly who participated in the election of Working Group members for the EU-Georgia Platform:

Elections of EU-Georgian Civil Society Platform members

WG 1 - 4 members

- Vakhtang Maisaia - Georgia Institute for Geostrategic Studies
- Lika Nadaraia - Women's Political Resource Center
- Nona Kurdovanidze - Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)
- Avtandil Gvelebiani - Free Media Space
- Natia Kuprashvili - Journalism Resource Center
- Eka Tsimakuridze - Democracy Index Georgia
- Guram Imnadze - Social Justice Center
- Giorgi Kldiashvili - Institute for the Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
- Lasha Tughushi - Liberal Academy Tbilisi
- Mikheil Mirziashvili - Center for Democracy and Development (CDD)
- Irakli Kokaia – Public Advocacy

WG2 - 4 members

- Kakha Gogolashvili - Georgian Foundation for Strategy and International Studies
- Dato Tsiskaridze - International Business and Economic Development Center (IBEDC)
- Nino Elizbarashvili - Georgian Association "Women and Business"
- Maka Jorjadze - Biological Farming Association Elkana
- Giorgi Kacharava - EU-Georgia Business Council
- Temur Vekua - Union "Ecotech"
- Konstantine Zhghenti - Association of Business Consulting Organizations of Georgia

WG3 - 2 members

- Vakhtang Zarkua - Energy Efficiency Foundation
- Rezo Getiashvili - CENN - Caucasus Environmental NGO Network
- Manana Devidze – Foundation Caucasus Ecology
- Murman Margvelashvili - World Experience for Georgia

- Kakha Nadiradze - Association for Farmers Rights Defense

WG4 - 2 members

- Yulia Kharashvili - IDP Women Association "Consent"
- Magda Kotrikadze - Psycho-social Protection, Security and Integration
- Irma Pavliashvili - Open Space Caucasus
- Aleko Tskitishvili - Human Rights Center
- Maka Jakhua - Green Wave
- Nato Bachiashvili - International Center for Geopolitical Studies (ICGS)
- Naira Bepiev – "Caucasian Mosaic"
- Alexandra Kalatozishvili – Multi-ethnic Resource Center for Civic Education

WG5 - 2 members

- Raisa Liparteliani – Trade Unions Confederation
- Vitali Giorgadze - Railway Trade Union
- Maia Kobakhidze - Educators and Scientists Free Trade Union
- Tata Beridze - Accountants Union

The following attendees expressed their opinions:

Giorgi Melashvili (European-Georgian Institute) stated that he was nominated as a candidate for WG2, although he could not find his name on the list.

Natia Kuprashvili (Session Moderator, Journalism Resource Center) reminded Giorgi Melashvili that she repeatedly called the nominated members to check their names in the lists.

Giorgi Melashvili (European-Georgian Institute) noticed the aforementioned only during issuing of ballots and at the beginning of the voting process and the election commission added him to the list of candidates for WG2.

Candidates nominated at the General Assembly, who participated in the election of members of Dispute Resolution Body:

- Saba Brachveli - Open Society Foundation
- Lika Nadaraia - Women's Political Resource Center
- Natalia Khokhiashvili - New Generation for Democratic Georgia
- Tengiz Svanidze - Georgian Tea Producers Association "Georgian Tea"

- Tata Beridze - Accountants Union
- Guram Imnadze - Social Justice Center

6. Announcement of election results / summary of the General Meeting

The Election Commission announced the election results:

The following candidates were elected for Working Groups from organizations nominated for election of coordinators:

WG1

1. Lasha Tughushi - European Initiative - Liberal Academy Tbilisi
2. Eka Tsimakuridze - Democracy Index - Georgia

WG2

3. Nino Elizbarashvili - Association "Women and Business"
4. Zviad Elizian - International Business Development and Investment Promotion Center (IBDIPC)

WG3

1. Rezo Getiashvili - CENN - Caucasus Environmental NGO Network
2. Nugzar Kokhreidze - Research-Intellectual Club "Dialogue of Generations"

WG4

1. Maka Jakhua - Association Radio Green Wave
2. Nukri Kvelashvili - Youth Alternative

WG5

1. Raisa Liparteliani – Georgian Trade Union Confederation
2. Irina Putkaradze – Public Advocacy

Please refer to the attached voting results.

Results of the elections of EU-Georgia Platform members:

Group 1

1. Natia Kuprashvili - Journalism Resource Center
2. Lasha Tughushi - Liberal Academy Tbilisi
3. Giorgi Kldiashvili - Institute for the Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
4. Nona Kurdovanidze - Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)

Group 2

1. Kakha Gogolashvili - Georgian Foundation for Strategy and International Studies
2. Davit Tsiskaridze - Center for International Business and Economic Development (IBEDC)
3. Nino Elizbarashvili - Women and Business Association
4. Konstantine Zhgenti - Association of Business Consulting Organizations of Georgia

Group 3

1. Rezo Getiashvili - CENN - Caucasus Environmental NGO Network
2. Murman Margvelashvili - World Experience for Georgia

Group 4

1. Maka Jakhua - Association Radio Green Wave
2. Aleko Tskitishvili - Human Rights Center

Group 5

1. Raisa Liparteliani – Georgian Trade Union Confederation
2. The second candidate has to be identified

Results of the elections of Dispute Resolution Body members:

1. Natalia Khokhiashvili - New Generation for Democratic Georgia
3. Tengiz Svanidze - Georgian Tea Producers Association "Georgian Tea"

Two candidates received an equal number of votes for the position of the third member of the Dispute Resolution Body. Accordingly, the issue was transferred to the newly elected Coordination Council for discussion.

- Saba Brachveli (Open Society Foundation) - 33 votes
- Lia Nadaraia (Women's Political Resource Center) – 33 votes

Please refer to the attached voting results.

The General Assembly was declared closed.

Nino Chckobadze – Chairperson of the Georgian National Platform, Session Moderator

Natia Kuprashvili - National Coordinator of the Civil Society Forum, Session Moderator

Ketevan Churadze - Secretary of the Session