

**We, Georgian non-governmental (public) organizations, experts and representatives of scientific communities, signatories to this Declaration, full aware of the responsibility and relying on our experience and adjusted information:**

**Political aspects:**

Express our concern because of the fact that the functioning and development of the energy field in Georgia is being carried out without common vision, policy, concept and relevant legislative base of modern challenges;

Express out discontent and indignation because the development of separate strategic and legislative acts, as well as taking important decisions is carried out in “hush-hush” circumstances and the participation in this process is not guaranteed.

Express our discontent because the text of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their member states, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part became public only after its ratification when it was already impossible to make any changes to the text;

Agreeing that sustainable provision of energy is one of the components of the country safety, we consider that the energy system of Georgia requires fundamental systemic, that is radical institutional changes the purpose of which should be complete dismantling of Soviet type management methodology and development of own, national energy policy, creation of democratic, public and objective decision making guarantees.

Sharing the provisions related to the energy and environmental fields of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their member states, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part we think that in the shortest period of time there should end the stage of “drift” under the legislative vacuum and the Georgian energy system management (development) shall be carried out in close relations with the country sustainable economic development without damaging the environment on the basis of well-considered long-term policy, action plan and legislative norms accented in the same Agreement.

We demand that Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission is freed from any political, monopolistic and any other type of pressure.

### **Energy field management, energy efficiency:**

We categorically demand that Georgian Government without any delay limits inflicted to one legal entity power of electricity generation and distribution, also other incompatible powers and implements this at legislative level;

We express our discontent because of bureaucratic barriers existing in state (budgetary) sector and generally in the field of used energy resources registry, also statistical information accessibility and transparency;

We consider unacceptable from State structural entities ignoring the topic of energy efficiency as one of the most important energy resources;

We cannot agree with the arguments from the Government that obligatory legislative norms with regard to implementation of energy efficient measures and introduction of low energy consuming technologies will become heavier load for citizens social and country economic state;

We consider that rational use of energy and energy efficiency must become a priority in all directions and at every stage of energy generation and use;

We demand that in the shortest time a relevant legislative package related to the energy efficiency and in accordance with the obligations taken at international community level shall be adopted for all spheres (transport, buildings, technological processes and others);

In the new legislative package related to the energy efficiency shall be intensively and effectively introduced administration, economic, financial and other mechanisms for the promotion of dynamic process of permanently increasing energy efficiency level;

### **Effective use of non-traditional renewable energy resources**

We express our concern because of the continuation of traditional approach towards some of the renewable (solar, wind, geothermal and others) energy resources and demand that beginning from 2015 Georgian Government declares as priority issue the efficient use of solar, wind, geothermal energies, develops a specific program and secures this program with relevant financial resources annually.

We cannot conciliate the fact of excessively intensive use of the forest resources of Georgia and demand from the Georgian Government:

- Without any delay carry out such multiple reforms that the smooth settling ways of poverty reduction, unemployment, heating and other social problems “do not pass across the forest missives”;
- Speed up and in 2015 complete the gasification process in Georgian rural regions;
- Develop reforestation State program for already deforested and degraded forests and exclude the publicity campaign of this process.

### **Scientific and human resources potential of energy sphere**

The institutions working in the field of energy have been either completely destroyed or degraded **during the last years**. The same has happened in the direction of human resources preparation which has drastically impacted the innovations in the sector and the process of presentation and introduction of new technologies.

Because of above mentioned, we express our concern and think that the growing of scientific potential in the energy field and relevant preparation of human resources should be the key issue in the sector development policy.

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2. Georgian Energy Resources Effectively Using Association
3. Rural Communities Development Agency
4. Experts Union – Sustainable Energy and Environment
5. Ecological Farmers Association of Georgia (SEMA)
6. Society Development Akhaltsikhe Center
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