Current development of Migration management in Georgia

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Statute and Aim of the commission

• Commission is the advisory body of the Georgian Government which was created in October, 2010 according the Decree #34 of the Government of Georgia

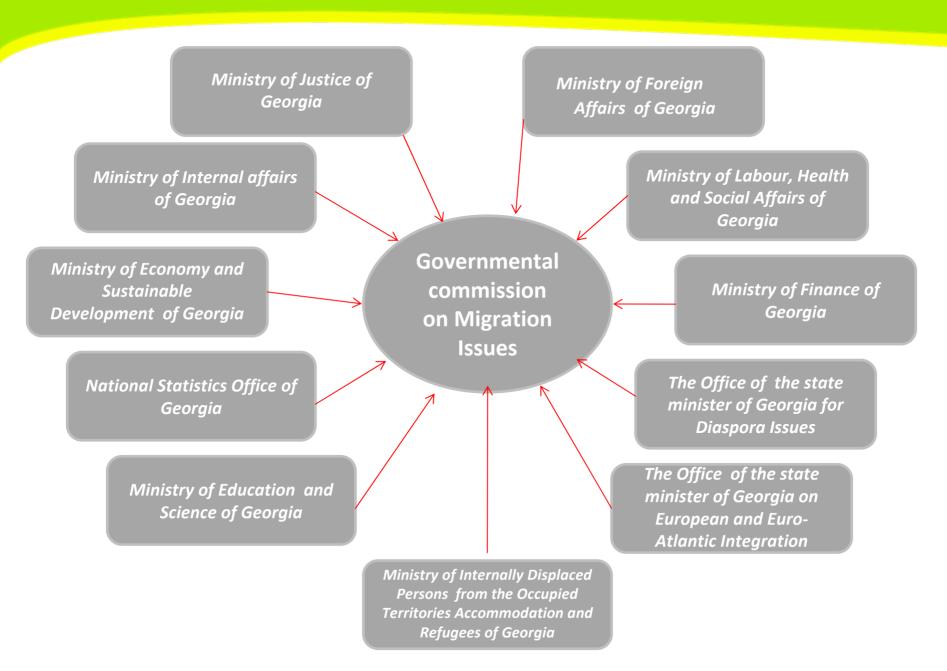
• The aim of the commission is to support the coherent migration policy elaboration and effective management of migration processes in Georgia

Governmental Commission on Migration Issues

Areas of activity

- Prepare recommendations on migration issues and draft legal acts;
- Coordinate state institutions involved in the field of migration in Georgia;
- Facilitate fulfillment of agreements on readmission and simplified visa regime;
- Cooperate with international organizations in the field of migration;
- Ensuring social and economic reintegration of returned migrants.

Governmental Commission on Migration Issues



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Elaboration of migration concept

Elaboration of migration strategy

Updating the migration profile

Visa facilitation and readmission

Readmission and visa facilitation agreements are in force since 1 March 2011

Rigning the implementation protocols with Estonia, Bulgaria Poland and other countries is an ongoing process

Functions between the governmental bodies are defined

Legal basis for the Implementation of Readmission Agreement

- President's Decree No. 225 of April 26, 2011
- Order of Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia No. 367 of May 2, 2011
- Joint Order of Ministers (in the process of elaboration)

Agencies involved in the implementation of the agreement

The competent authority –Ministry of Internal Affairs, Patrol
Police

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied

Territories, Accommodation and Refugees

Document security

- > issuance of biometric passports has started Since 2010.
- ➤ Initial form of travel document -so called capped passport is abolished since January 2011
- ➤ biometric passports are issued to the refugees since 2008, biometric passports – since 2010
- ➤ Passport and all other identification documents preceding issuance of the passport are issued based on the information of the unified electronic database
- **➤ Civil acts registration is carried out electronically.**

Reform of the legislation on statelessness

- > Reduction of the number of persons under the risk of becoming stateless
- > Status of stateless person and procedure of assigning such a status will be defined.
- ➤ It is planned to join the 1954 UN convention on stateless persons status
- ➤ Harmonization of Georgian legislation with the 1961 UN convention

Future plans

- Forming secretariat of the migration commission and enhancing capacities of commission
- Establishment of migration data processing and management information system.
- >Issuing electronic ID card
- >Expending reintegration activities
- >Revising legislation on alien legal status in accordance with the migration strategy



Thank You for Attention!

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