

GEORGIA
RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONIRE ON

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

PART ONE

Overview of trends in

gender equality and women's advancement

policies and programmes for gender equality and advancement of

the national development of women:

elaboration of State Policy of Women Development was
President of Georgia №48, 20.02.1998 (English translation is

The State Commission
created by the Order of the
enclosed).

improving Women's Conditions was approved by the Order of the
President of Georgia №308, 18.02.1998 (English translation is enclosed).

The Plan of Action for IM
President of Georgia №308, 18.02.1998

President of Georgia and UNDP "Women in Development" had
been implemented (1997-1998):

The joint project of govt

improving of women;
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• The sectors not covered by the national action plan education and
violence against women, women and media, women and environment, the

problems, quite well regulated by Georgian legislation and strategies, at the
same time, as regards as areas programs remaining emergency

problems, the provision of
quality and advancement

• As a country in transition Georgia has a lot of social, political
territorial integrity so we are not ready to pursue the goals of gender

as priority. At the same time the government has taken immediate
the protection of human rights is proclaimed as priority in the country

the protection of woman's rights is the part of human rights sphere, the

the country's situation in economic country's priorities
the social situation is very hard, women and armed conflicts

• In terms of the critical areas of concern of the Platform for
are the problem of poverty

gender of international system, civil war and domestic conflict
Abkhazia (Georgia) and Tskhinvali Region in Georgia among

There are 250000 IDP-s from

of them 150000 are women and children. Priority is health condition of women, serious projects
are underway.

the retrospective of Georgian culture and history a woman is traditionally considered
factor of family, social and cultural values. It is said that woman is in great respect in

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richest Georgian poetry and Georgian folklore. In these masterpieces the woman occurs not only the mother of a family, but also a politician, defender of motherland. At the same

The worship honored in Georgian society is mainly associated with a woman represented in Georgian language - motherland (earth), Mother-idea (Georgian language), Mother's Day is a holiday in Georgia (March 3), etc.

But traditionally in Georgian society the men play the dominant role. There is no discriminative statement in Georgian legislation toward women, the actual women social positions on the behalf of men priority is obvious. Research results of the sociologists - women who work, approximately have 20% of Housekeeping labour is a heavy burden for them. Men devote much less time to housework than women.

On September 22, 1994, Georgia joined "Convention on the Elimination of All Discrimination against Women", by that the country is responsible to exercise all the provisions of the convention. The main state bodies, who work on the problems given in the convention are the Ministries of Health, Education, Internal Affairs, Social Security, Refugees and Displaced Persons.

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Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia on Human Rights Issues in the executive branch of the government. In the Department on Human Rights Problems, their field of activity (and etc.). There are no purely feministically orientated organisations in Georgia. Such organisations are not to be selected taking into consideration the traditions and culture of the country.

The President founded a specific position of Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia on Human Rights Issues and mandated it with a wide controlling power. There is established a Department on Human Rights Issues, the Head of the Department is obliged to work on women's problems. Approximately 60 NGO's activities are bound to Women Problems. There are various (charities, labour management, cultural and educational activities) in Georgia. There are no purely feministically orientated organisations in Georgia. Such organisations are not to be selected taking into consideration the traditions and culture of the country.

Plan The Government recognised NGOs as an important partner in solving women's
problems. The co-operation between government institutions and NGOs emerges as
one of the critical areas of political and economic transformation in Georgia. 9 members of NGO's are
members of the State Commission.

PART THREE

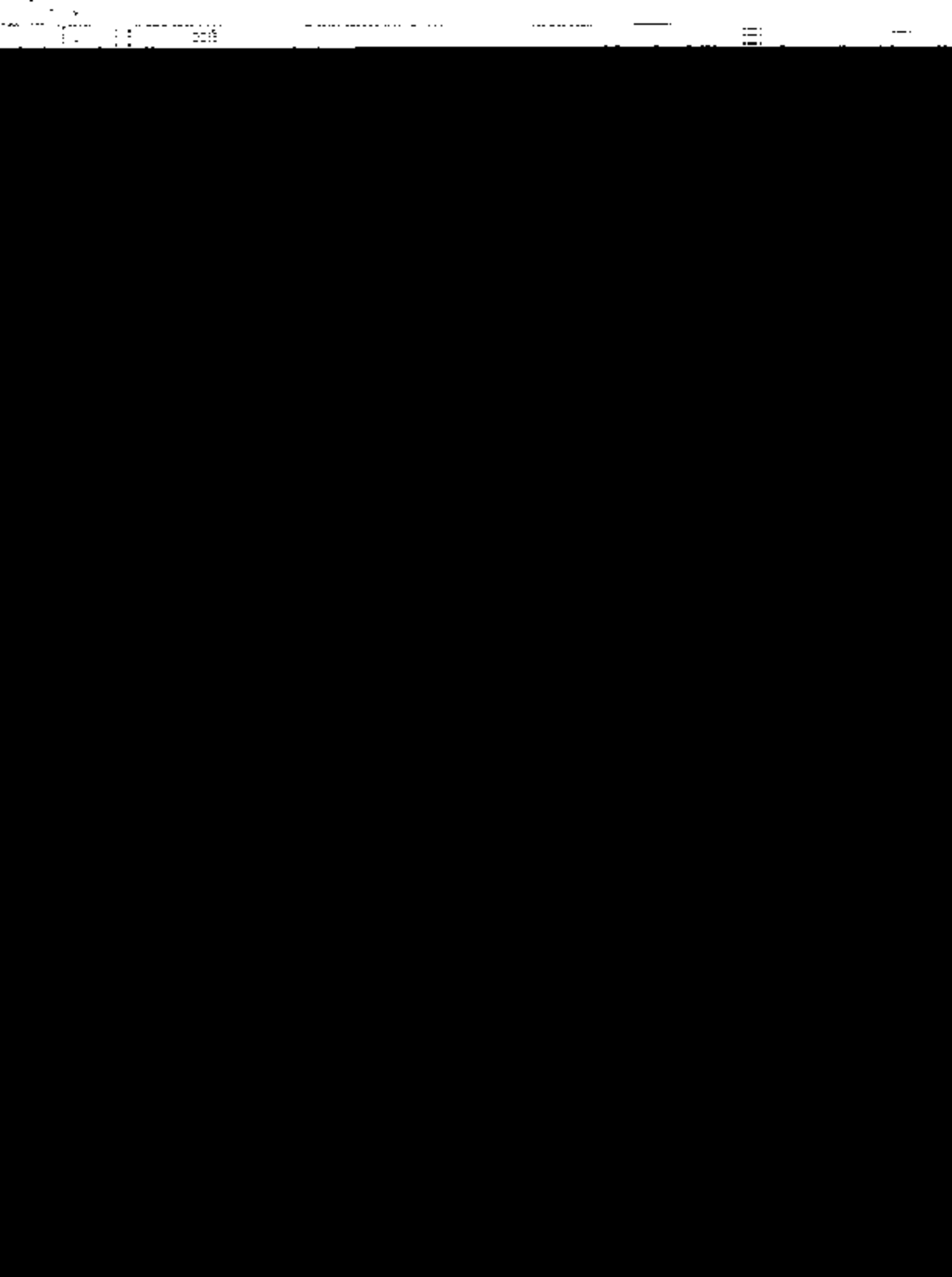
Implementation of the critical areas of concern of Beijing Platform for

A. Innovative policies, programmes, projects and good practices.

4. • To establish a Department on Women Issues and create gender un

engaged in business, including small business and creation of favourable conditions – like soft credits and tax benefits, for starting such business.

- The poverty growth among women in transitional period mostly depends on the economic situation in the country. Ministry of Agriculture and Food is working out the



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Urina Jhvania

David Salavidze

Eka Sepashvili - Member of UNDP Project "Women in Development"

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Zaza Shengelia - Deputy State Minister of Georgia

Nino Chkhobadze - Minister of Ecology

Nani Charushvili - Member of the Parliament of Georgia, Parliamentary Club

Darejan Charbadze - Deputy Minister of Post and Telecommunication

Head of Apparatus of Ministry of Social Affairs - **Vianon Khachidze**

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ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA

**ON APPROVAL OF THE PLAN OF ACTION
FOR IMPROVING WOMEN'S CONDITIONS
IN GEORGIA FOR 1998-2000**

№ 308

18 June, 1998

Tbilisi

1. To approve the enclosed Plan of Action for Improving Women's Conditions in Georgia for 1998-2000.

2. To address International Organisations to assist the Government of Georgia

in the implementation of the activities considered in the enclosed Plan.

3. To entrust the Government Commission on Elaboration of the State Policy for Women's Development (R. Beridze) to monitor implementation of the present Order.

E. Shevardnadze

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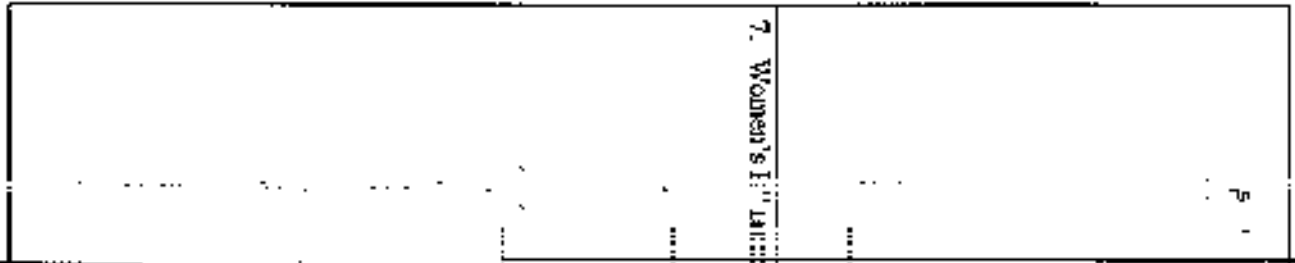
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7. Women's Rights



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