

Resolution № 145 of the Government of Georgia

of 13 June 2013

**On the Approval of the Composition and the Statute of the Interagency Coordinating
Council for Combating Organized Crime**

Tbilisi

Article 1

In accordance with Article 29 of the Law of Georgia “On Structure, Competence and Rules of Activity of Government of Georgia”, the Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Organized Crime shall be created at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia for the purpose of setting a general policy for combating organized crime, updating National Strategy of Georgia for Combating Organized Crime, elaborating, executing and monitoring the implementation of a respective Action Plan of the National Strategy, with the aim of coordinating interagency activity, as well as for the purpose of elaborating respective proposals and reports. The composition of the Coordinating Council shall be as follows:

Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia, Chairman of the Coordinating Council – Mr. Levan Izoria;

Director of the Reforms and Development Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;

Director of the International Relations Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;

Director of the Patrol Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;

Director of the Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;

Rector of the LEPL - Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;

Head of the Analytical Department of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia;

Head of the Department of Strategic Development and Innovative Projects Management of the Chief Prosecutor's Office of Georgia;

Head of the Penitentiary Department of the Ministry of Corrections and Legal Assistance of Georgia;

Head of the LEPL - National Probation Agency of the Ministry of Corrections and Legal Assistance of Georgia;

Head of the General Education Management and Development Department of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

Article 2

The following delegates are invited to participate in the work of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Organized Crime:

Representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);

Representatives of the Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program;

Representatives of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL);

Representatives of the United States Department of Justice (DoJ);

Representatives of the European Union (EU);

Representatives of the Council of Europe (CoE).

Article 3

The Statute of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Organized Crime shall be approved as annexed.

Article 4

The present resolution shall enter into force upon its publication.

Prime Minister

The Statute of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Organized Crime

Article 1. General Provisions

1. Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Organized Crime (hereinafter the Council) is established by the resolution of the Government of Georgia.
2. In performing its activities, the Coordinating Council is guided by the Constitution of Georgia, international treaties and agreements of Georgia, other legislative and sub-legislative normative acts.
3. The structure, competence and rules of activity of the Coordinating Council are defined by the present Statute.

Article 2. The Structure of the Coordinating Council

1. The Government of Georgia determines the composition of the Coordinating Council.
2. Together with representatives of governmental agencies, membership of the Coordinating Council is open to the representatives of relevant non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities and international organizations performing their activity in a respective field, to the experts and scholars.
3. Upon invitation by the Chairperson of the Coordinating Council, the members of the Parliament and the Government of Georgia, heads of government agencies, representatives of non-governmental and international organizations, as well as independent experts may participate in the activities of the Coordinating Council.
4. The member of the Coordinating Council can be recalled in response to the proposal submitted by the respective designating organ.

Article 3. Objectives of the Coordinating Council

Main objectives of the Coordinating Council are:

- a) Elaboration of relevant proposals regarding the issue of combating organized crime, with consideration of the principles of the rule of law and human rights protection;

- b) Elaboration of the National Strategy for Combating Organized Crime and its submission, for approval, to the government;
- c) Approval of the Action Plan of the National Strategy for Combating Organized Crime;
- d) Coordination of interagency activities for the purpose of facilitating implementation of relevant measures in the process of elaboration of the National Strategy for Combating Organized Crime and the respective Action Plan;
- e) Preparation of respective proposals and recommendations regarding the solutions to the problems connected with combating organized crime.

Article 4. Competence of the Coordinating Council

In order to achieve its goals and objectives, the Coordinating Council is vested with the authority to:

- a) submit requests, in accordance with the legislation, to the state organs and relevant state agencies of Georgia regarding the information which is necessary for performing its activity;
- b) elaborate / prepare proposals and recommendations for the purpose of updating and refining the National Strategy for Combating Organized Crime and the respective Action Plan;
- c) create working groups and invite independent experts for the purpose of exploring issues falling within its competence and elaborating appropriate recommendations.

Article 5. Working Groups and Independent Experts

1. For the purpose of effective realization of objectives provided for by the present Statute and with the aim of considering and addressing concrete issues provided for by the National Strategy for Combating Organized Crime, the Coordinating Council creates working groups. In case of need, the Coordinating Council is empowered to invite an independent expert.
2. The membership of the working group is open to the representatives of governmental agencies and the representatives of relevant non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities performing their activity in a respective field, to the scholars and experts.

3. The frequency of the working group meetings is determined by the Coordinating Council in consideration of functions vested in the working group. As a rule, the meeting of the working group is held at least once per month.
4. The working group elects, from among its members, a rapporteur of the working group.
5. A person with appropriate competence and experience and performing activity in a respective field can be invited as an independent expert.
6. The intensity of work of an independent expert is determined by the Coordinating Council in consideration of responsibility assigned to him/her.

Article 6. Organization of the Coordinating Council Activities

1. The Coordinating Council is headed and its sessions are directed by the Chairperson of the Coordinating Council.
2. In the absence of the Chairperson, his/her powers are assumed by another member of the Coordinating Council determined by the Chairperson of the Coordinating Council.
3. As a rule, the Coordinating Council sessions are held semiannually.
4. In case of need, the Chairperson of the Council is authorized to call for an extraordinary session of the Coordinating Council.
5. The Secretariat of the Coordinating Council shall provide the administration of the activity of the Coordinating Council, its organizational and analytical support. The Secretariat is headed by the Secretary of the Coordinating Council. The functions of the Secretariat of the Coordinating Council are fulfilled by the Reforms and Development Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.
6. The agenda of the Coordinating Council's sessions is approved by the Chairperson of the Council.
7. The Chairperson and the members of the Coordinating Council, as well as the rapporteur of the working group and the independent expert are authorized to bring an issue, for consideration, before the Coordinating Council.

8. The requisite quorum for conducting the sessions of the Coordinating Council consists of one more than one-half of the membership of the Coordinating Council.

9. Decisions of the Coordinating Council are adopted by the majority of the votes of members present or the inquiry conducted among members. In case of equal distribution of votes, the decisive vote is cast by the Chairperson of the Coordinating Council.

10. The session of the Coordinating Council is recorded in the minutes duly signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Coordinating Council.

11. The Secretariat of the Coordinating Council shall send the session minutes to the members of the Coordinating Council, the working group members and independent experts.

Article 7 Amendments to the Statute

Revocation of and amendments to the Statute of the Coordinating Council are carried out on the basis of the resolution of the Government of Georgia.