

History of the National Coalition

The Georgian Coalition for ICC was established in June 2004, with seven NGOs being the first members of the coalition. However the preparatory work for the creation of the national coalition started one year earlier - in October 2003.



Coalition Members

- International Center on Conflict and Negotiation
- Human Rights Information and Documentation Center
- Georgian Center of International Criminal Law
- Article 42
- Georgian Young Lawyers Association
- Caucasian Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development
- Association for Council Europe

The member organizations of the Georgian Coalition for ICC belong to various fields.

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The Georgian
Coalition
for ICC

Goals of the National Coalition

Supporting and maintaining the compatibility of Georgian legislation with the Rome Statute;

- Spreading information and knowledge on ICC and its principles in Georgia;
- Supporting the Criminal Code Reform;
- Supporting the strengthening of civil institutions in Georgia;
- Systematizing and spreading information on human rights violations cases in Georgia;
- Promoting the peace movement in Georgia.

The creation of National Coalition is very important in terms of developing the regional approach towards ICC and for building up the platform for ensuring the development of strong implementing legislation in the ratifying countries of the South Caucasus. Generating regional public support for the court is also crucial. Creating the regional Coalition for ICC is the long term goal of the Georgian coalition. This is a good opportunity to make commitment on the key issues of ICC and their introduction in the South

Memorandum of the Georgian Coalition for ICC

We the singers of this memorandum recognize the importance of global movement for peace, necessity of establishing rule of law in every country of the world, the need of avoiding impunity syndrome, are creating the coalition for international Criminal Law in Georgia.

The legal basis of International Criminal Court is Rome Statute. The Statute determines the meaning of genocide, the crime against humanity and war crimes. The goal of the Statute is to prevent human rights grave violations and to root out impunity syndrome .

On September 3, 2003 Georgia ratified the Rome Statute.

We the NGOs of Georgia consider that the creation of the Georgian Coalition for International Criminal Law is important for the following reasons:

- To maintain and support the compatibility Georgian legislation with the Rome Statute;
- To raise awareness about ICC and to teach its principles;
- To support the reform of Criminal Code;
- To maintain the strengthening of civil institutions;
- To spread and systematize the information about the human rights violations.
- To support peace movement in Georgia.

We suppose that coalition will actively involve in conflict management process in Abkhazia and Tskinali Region.

We hope that implementation and realization of coalition goals will assist Georgian integration into International Legal Space and to establish international standards of human rights' protection in Georgia.