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GYLA's Research State Policy toward IDPs (Analysis of policy deficiencies) Presentation

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On July 11, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association held a

presentation of outcomes of the project *Durable solutions – a Way Forward for IDPs in Georgia* and the research *State Policy toward IDPs, Analysis of Policy Deficiencies*.

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Since 2010, the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association in partnership with the Danish Refugee Council has been implementing the project Durable Solutions – a Way Forward for IDPs in Georgia, which has been financially supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida). The project entailed various activities, including legal assistance, raising awareness, advocacy and monitoring of evictions.

During the project implementation, several significant issues were identified that are related to certain problems. In order to analyze the problems, the research *State Policy toward IDPs, Analysis of Policy Deficiencies* was prepared.

The research analyzes the issues that affected IDPs the most during the project implementation. Specifically, it was identified that granting the IDP status remains to be problematic, as some of the internally displaced persons still have not received the status. Furthermore, provision of financial compensation is also problematic, which is one the one hand caused by ambiguity of applicable norms.

The research also focuses on the issue of evictions and resettlement. It turned out that out of 1 666 families evicted in 2010-2011, most have not been offered with adequate housing. The Ministry's offer to live in the regions of Georgia was accepted by 76 families only. The research also reflects problems that IDPs faced in the process of privatization, including slow pace of the process.

We have developed recommendations for addressing all of the aforementioned issues and it is our firm conviction that taking these recommendations into consideration will promote elimination of deficiencies and solution to IDPs' problems.