**Statement Regarding Registration as an Organization Pursuing the Interests of a Foreign Influence**

GIP-T strongly opposed adopting the law "On Transparency of Foreign Influence" in Georgia. The law was approved by the Georgian Parliament despite widespread mass protests and numerous appeals from the international community and was a clear violation of democratic principles.

Many organizations and experts have repeatedly emphasized in their public statements that this law harms the Constitution of Georgia, endangers the country's European integration, contributes to destabilization, stigmatizes and alienates the civil society and media sectors, and negatively impacts the country’s development.

The aforementioned law requires all non-governmental and media organizations registered in Georgia that receive more than 20% of funding from abroad to register in a designated database of organizations acting in the interests of a foreign power. If an organization does not comply with this requirement, it will face financial penalties, and the Ministry of Justice will automatically register it regardless.

GIP-T and numerous other organizations fully disagree with the aforementioned law and its requirements, as they conflict with our values, vision, and activities. Therefore, we resist it by not registering in the database with a full understanding of the consequences for the organization. Declaring this decision, we acknowledge that many partner non-governmental organizations were forced to register themselves due to various circumstances. We recognize their pragmatic choice and hope to continue the fight to retract this law together.