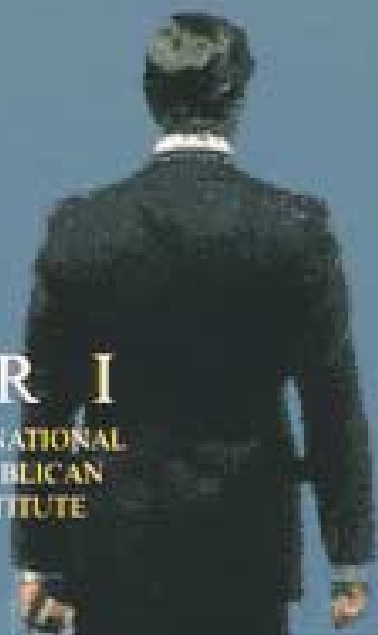


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INTRODUCTION

This directory was created prior to local, self-government elections for the purpose of providing a complete spectrum of Georgian political parties. Therefore, it was decided to include in this directory, not only the parties participating in local elections, but all registered political parties.

According to the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, as of September 26, 1998, there are 79 political parties registered in Georgia. In order to collect the material for this directory, ICCC distributed questionnaires to all 79 registered parties. 73 parties have been included in the directory, 6 parties failed to return the questionnaire. Some claimed they didn't have adequate time to respond, others just refused.

The directory consists of three sections. **The first section** includes information about the 17 parties and blocks participating in the November 15th local, self-government elections. In this section of the directory the parties are organised in the same order as they

are to appear on the ballot.

Local self-government elections will be held on two levels. On the first level, elections will be conducted in all municipalities. Elections will be held to elect 1.031 councils (sakrebulo). In 654 cities, towns, villages and communities, where the number of voters is less than 2.000, elections are held by majoritarian system. The remaining 377 local councils (sakrebulo), where the number of voters is more than 2.000, councils will be elected by proportional system. On the second level, there will be 65 district (rayon) council elections, where all will be elected by proportional system.

According to the local election law, political parties were required to present electoral lists in at least 50% of proportional electoral districts. 19 parties submitted lists. Two of those parties, Social-Democrats and Society of Konstantine Gamsakhurdia, presented party lists to the Central Election Commission (CEC), but failed to meet the 50% requirement.

Of the 17 parties participating in the elections, 6 parties are united in two different

blocks. The "National Concord" Block is made up of Union of Reformers and Union of Athletes of Georgia parties and "Georgia - Merab Kostava Society" Block is made up of Merab Kostava Society, United Republican Party of Georgia, Ilia Chavchavadze Society and Union of God Children of Georgia parties.

Eleven parties, Union of Democrat Revival, Freedom Party of Georgia, Union of Georgian Traditionalists, People's Party, Citizens Union of Georgia, Socialist Party of Georgia, Political Organisation of Georgia - "Lemi", Political Organisation "Athletic Georgia", National-Democrat Party, Greens Party and Labour Party, will all run independently.

In **the second section** we present information about all other registered parties which will not be participating in the local elections. In this section, the parties are listed alphabetically. In **the third section**, we analyse the role of women in Georgia's political parties.

Finally, we would like to point out that all of the information in this directory came from responses that were submitted by the political parties.

SECTION I

Parties Participating in November 15th Local Elections

In order as they will appear on the ballot

1. Union of Democrat Revival (UDR)

Date of foundation : 1992 under the name of Ajara Revival Union of Georgia, in 1995 changed into Revival Union of Georgia, since 1998 has been called Union of Democrat Revival.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founder : A. Abashidze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main committee (is elected for 4 year term) - chairman-leader (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman-Leader : Aslan Abashidze (1938), in 1975 graduated from Batumi Pedagogic Institute, 1984 - graduated from TSU, department of peoples economy planning. In 1962-1965 worked in consomol and as an English language teacher at Batumi musical school. In 1965-1980 - was a director of N°44 professional college, 1981-1984 - chairman of Batumi City Council Executive Committee. 1984-1989 - minister of Ajarian and then Georgian ministry of public service. Since 1991 - chairman of Ajara Supreme Council. 1991, 1992-1995 was elected a deputy chairman of the

parliament of Georgia. Married, has two children and a grandchild.

Number of members : more than 80.000, 30% - women.

The party has a youth organisation - Youth Union of Democrat Revival, 1 national, 1 regional, 72 city and district, more than 400 primary organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper AGORDZINEBA and information agency "Agordzineba".

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections.

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 7,03% of votes. Is represented in the parliament by 31 MPs.

In 1995 presidential elections the Party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITY

1. *Economics* : economical revival, development of market relations, support of national business and commercial activity.

Pre-electoral program : In close co-operation with social organisations, acting according to state constitution and laws, the union is ready to actively work to realise the law of local self-government and government. As the party represents majority in Ajarian Autonomy Republic Supreme Council, it has adopted a law about elections of Batumi mayor and districts' heads of administrations. This means: the party has protected interests of each citizen as a voter.

- ✘ The union will act through its representatives in local self-government bodies to get definite separation between state and local government functions, in order to ensure complete independence of local self-government bodies, to develop and deepen democratic principles in city, region and district management.
- ✘ Union, as a parliament party, in its legislative activity will base on suggestions and opinions of each region, city and district local self-government bodies, will take them into account while elaborating and adopting laws.
- ✘ According to specifics of regions, districts and cities, while forming the state budget, exceptional attention will be paid to protection of their interests, elaboration and realisation of social and economic development government regional programs.
- ✘ In conditions of market economics, the party will protect interests of each social layer, poor families, mothers with many children, invalids, students and pupils. Will actively try to adopt laws according to the interests of socially vulnerable population, especially in spheres of education and medical service.
- ✘ The party will protect interests of the main base for revival of national economics - small and medium business, will support spread of privileges in taxation, low percent loans, revival of territorial manufacture, characteristic to the region. The party will look for the

realisation market for locally produced goods.

- ✘ The party will care for further integration of regions of Georgia to reach deepening of economical, cultural and sport relations, to restore historic, traditional relations among the regions of the country.

The party has presented its electoral lists at 296 proportional districts.

Address : 5, Ninoshvili St., Batumi.

Phone : Batumi - 7 65 00; 7 65 02; Tbilisi, Parliament - 93 43 58; 93 55 47.

3. Freedom Party of Georgia (FPG)

Motto : Motherland, faith, freedom.

Political direction : rights.

Date of foundation : 1990.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : G. Tabidze, A. Morchiladze, I. Kekelidze, K. Abdaladze and others.

The party is a law successor of the Freedom League.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - managerial board (is elected for 2 year term, 9-15 members : G. Tabidze, A. Morchiladze, Z. Bakradze, G. Khmelidze, D. Ehlukidze, G. Eristavi) - political secretary (elected for 4 year term).

Political secretary : David Jorbenadze (1974), graduated from Tbilisi Medical Institute of Pediatrics in 1997. At present studies law at Tbilisi

Business and Marketing Higher School.

Number of members : 3,000 (active - 700-800), 30% - women.

The party has youth organisation - Youth League (founded in 1997, chairman - G. Vashakidze), 8 regional and 30 district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : monetarism, strict fiscal policy. Does not support protectionism in economics (in present conditions), private property on land (with the right of sale and purchase).

2. *Foreign Policy* : close relations with international organisations: European Union; NATO.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal (should be determined by referendum).

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

5. *Interethnic relations* : all non-Georgian citizens of Georgia should contribute in construction of Georgian state and participate in the development of the country.

The party considers that the present government has not fixed its policy.

Pre-electoral program : the party aims to develop a strong Georgian state, where the historic experience of the nation and state traditions together with modern democracy achievement will be taken into account. While realisation of its own objectives, the party will follow the tactics characteristic to conservative parties. This tactic

does not recognise radicalism and strict, often opposing political steps.

The party has presented electoral lists at 191 proportional districts.

Address : 50, Chubinashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 96 75 46; 94 06 68. *Fax* : 96 75 46.

4. Union of Georgian Traditionalists (UGT)

Motto : Georgia first of all.

Political direction : conservative.

Date of foundation : was founded by the part of Georgian emigrants in 1942; was restored in summer 1990.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : in 1942 - Irakli Bagrationi, Shalva Amirejibi, Zurab Avalishvili, Spiridon Kedia, Grigol Robakidze and others; in 1990 - Akaki Asatiani, Gubaz Sanikidze, Levan Akhmeteli, Gaioz Kordzadze and others.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - central bureau (for 2 year term, 7 members : A. Asatiani, G. Sanikidze, G. Kordzadze, N. Saneblidze, Sh. Khomeriki, M. Nadiradze, G. Sharabidze) - chairman (is elected for 2 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Akaki Asatiani (1953), a Georgian, an orientalist. Has been actively involved in the national movement since the second half of 80s. 1990 November - deputy chairman of the Supreme Council of Georgia; 1991 April - a chairman. A

leader of traditionalists opposite fraction (9 members) in 1992-1995. Nowadays one of the leaders of right wing opposition movement.

Number of members : several thousand (active - 2,000), 15% - women.

The party has a youth organisation - Union of Young Traditionalists (founded in 1995, 3,000 members); all regional and most of district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper KARTVELI ERI (since 1990).

The party participated in 1990 parliamentary elections (block - Round table - Free Georgia) and received 54% of votes. Had 22 MPs : 14 by the party list and 8 - majoritarian).

The party independently participated in 1990 parliamentary elections and received 6% of votes. Had 9 MPs : 7 by the party list and 2 - majoritarian).

The party independently participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 4,3% of votes. The party has 4 MPs : all - majoritarian.

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : rightful state, free market economics, solve of territorial problem, human right protection.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free market economics, private

property, and promotion of small and medium business. Private property on land with the right of sale and purchase.

2. *Foreign Policy* : peaceful coexistence with neighbours. Refusal to foreign countries' military bases. Close relations with North Atlantic Alliance.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : regionalisation, based on the historical, geographic and economic factors of Georgia.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary monarchy.

5. *Interethnic relations* : guaranteed cultural autonomy of all ethnic groups.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : 1. Support of private business, 2. Land reform, 3. Fight against corruption, 4. Realisation of social programs (education, health care, social welfare and others). Maintain local characteristics (specific). Total transparency (openness) of local bodies' activity.

The party has presented its electoral lists at 309 proportional districts.

Address : 10, Virsaladze St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 98 39 55; 98 79 59. *Fax* : 98 79 59.

5. *People's Party (PP)*

Motto : People's party by people and for people.

Political direction : right-centrists, Christian-democrat.

Date of foundation : 1997 as a result of NDP split into two parts - as a result of merge of MPs who left NDP and made the fraction People's National-Democrat, and People's Party of Georgia existed before (founded in 1990).

First registration : 1992; *second registration* : 1997; *final registration* : 1998.

Founders : S. Kedia (1917), G. Chanturia and M. Giorgadze (1981).

The party regards itself as a law successor of National-Democrat Party.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years - before parliamentary elections) - main committee (is elected for 4 year term, 21 members) - presidium of the main committee (M. Giorgadze, G. Kobakhidze, G. Gogiasvili, G. Chakhvadze, M. Jibuti, T. Sharmanashvili, V. Khukhunaishvili) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Mamuka (Ivane) Giorgadze (1961 Chokhatauri), in 1987 graduated from GPI. 1990-1992 - a member of the National Committee; 1992 - chairman of State Council Military Commission. Since 1981 - political secretary of NDP. Since 1992 -MP. A member of the bureau of Georgian parliament. Address : 48, Tsereteli Ave., phone : 95 69 25; 35 11 04.

Number of members : 7.000 (active - 4.000), 255 - women.

The party has a youth organisation : People's Youth Movement, 8 regional, and almost all district organisations.

Printing body : the party press release SAKHALKHO PARTIA.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. Was represented in the parliament by 17 MPs (12 by party list and 5 - majoritarian).

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 7% of votes. Is represented in the parliament by 23 MPs (21 by party list and 2 - majoritarian).

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : market economics, based on effective economics and social justice. Private property on land with corresponding financial, credit and services infrastructure.

2. *Foreign Policy* : European orientation.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : regional, maintaining two autonomy republics.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : creation of good life conditions. The party is against of separation of one person and his groups (different parties and so called Mafia clans), having special rights, priorities, privileges, from the whole national body and announcing the state as their property. National political forces, definite leader among

them - People's Party - should replace methods of criminal regime management and participants of this regime development.

People's Party will fight to :

- prevent all problems of salaries, pensions, will support employed or unemployed - problem of good life for a citizen;
- population should elect its own mayors and heads of administrations;
- population should take part in selection of the administrators, who deserve being in government of its cities and districts;
- uncontrolled activities of regional administrations should be stopped;
- population should itself define the future for themselves, their children and their family.

The party has presented its electoral lists at 276 proportional districts.

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Phone : 99 79 46; 93 66 80; 92 12 90. *Fax* : 93 57 89.

E-mail : <ndfct@parliament.ge>; <pppress@parliament.ge>

6. Citizen's Union of Georgia (CUG)

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1993.

First registration : 1994; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Unification and Welfare, Greens Movement, Society - Citizen of Tbilisi.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - main board (2 by congress, 33 members: R. Adamia, R. Amashukeli, E. Astemirova, G.Baramidze, I. Chelidze, I. Chkhartishvili, M. Chkuaseli, R. Dolodze, E.Tevdoradze, M. Gigineishvili, L. Gogoberidze, O. Japaridze, Z. Jhvania, V. Karseladze, G. Katamadze, S. Ketsba, R. Khetsuriani, R. Khurodze, N. Lekishvili, V. Lordkipanidze, L. Mamaladze, R. Miminoshvili G. Muradian, V. Mustafae, I. Novrusov, D. Onoprishvili, M. Saakashvili, E. Shengelaia, B. Shoshitaishvili, G. Shugarov, T. Svanidze, G.Tevzadze, + Union Chairman - /E. Shevardnadze/, General Secretary /M. Machavariani/, Council Speaker /G. Tevzadze/, Chairman of Youth Union /D. Tkeshelashvili/ + Chairman of Parliament Fraction according to the regulation /M. Saakashvili/ and Chairman of the Parliament Majority if he /she/ is a member of Union) - Chairman (is elected by a congress for 2 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Eduard Shevardnadze (1928), a historian. From 1946 - different Comsomol and Communist Party positions; 1957 - First Secretary of the Central Committee of Georgian Comsomol; 1961-1962 - First Secretary of Mtsketa Communist Party district committee; 1963-1964 - First Secretary of Tbilisi 1 May district Communist Party committee; 1964-1965 - First Deputy-Minister of Social Order; 1965-1972 - First Secretary of City Communist Party Committee,

then - First Secretary of Georgian Communist Party Central Committee; 1985-1990 - USSR Foreign Affairs Minister, March 1992 - Chairman of Georgian Parliament - Head of State, supreme commander-in-chief of Military Forces; November 14, 1995 - President of Georgia. Honoured Doctor of Boston, Harvard, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Providence, Triest (Italy) Universities. Married, two children and grandchildren.

Number of members : about 81.320 (active - 9.900), 28.160 - women.

The party has a youth organisation - Union of Young Georgian Citizens (UYGC), 12 regional and 81 district organisations.

Printing body: the newspaper MOKALAKE [Citizen] (since 1996).

The party is united in Socialist International, status - observer.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 23,71% of votes. Is represented in Parliament by 106 MPs (91 - party list and 15 - majoritarian).

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : development of legislative base necessary for reforms and state construction, providing macroeconomic stability, privatisation of land and enterprises, restore of territorial wholeness, fight against corruption, human rights protection, creation of new jobs.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : liberal taxation system, support of producers, private property on land, politics of active employment.

2. *Foreign Policy* : integration in European structures, regional collaboration, good neighbour, partner relations with all countries, priority of economics in foreign relations, creation of international safety guarantees, active participation in the NATO program "Partnership for Peace".

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : regional, wide rights to autonomies, maximum delegation of rights from centre to places.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : strong presidential rule, wide rights to the parliament, independent courts.

5. *Interethnic relations* : equal rights for all citizens, despite a race, nation and religion.

The party supports the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program: liberalisation of taxation law, stabilisation of budget income, overcome corruption, development of strategic economical branches, new systems of social protection, formation of active self-government.

The party has presented electoral lists in 365 proportional districts.

Address : 4th, Marshal Gelovani St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 95 98 25; 95 05 14. *Fax*: 95 83 25, 95 91 46.

E-mail : <cug@eccess.sanet.ge>

7. Socialist Party of Georgia (SPG)

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founder : V. Rcheulishvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main committee (for 4 year term, 45 members) - secretariat (I. Chikhradze, T. Metchiauri, T. Jgushia, M. Devdariani, G. Oniani, I. Mindeli, G. Mchedlishvili, G. Khachapuridze, G. Gurgenidze, K. Jhordania) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1995).

Chairman : V. Rcheulishvili (1954), a physicist. 1985-1987 - research worker of information centre of Georgian Academy of Sciences. 1987-1992 - deputy chairman of Peace Protection Committee. 1992-1995 - deputy speaker of the Georgian parliament. Address : 14, Botsvadze St., phone : 93 91 29.

Number of members : about 70.000 (active - more than 10.000), more than 25.000 - women.

The party has a youth organisation - Young Socialists Union of Georgia (about 7.000 members), 10 regional (+Tbilisi), 59 district and 6 city organisations.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 3,84% of votes, has 7 MPs in Parliament, (1 - by a party list and 6 - majoritarian), they are united in the

fraction "Independent-Socialist".

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : democrat socialism, social-market economics, state support of industry, state regulation of market economics, development of a middle class.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : moderate protectionism, state regulation of market economics in Neocaseianism limits, state support of industry. Private property on land and development of hypothecary structure; state control on a land fund in order to use it purposefully.

2. *Foreign Policy* : relations with neighbour countries, uniting in European structures, Caucasian integration.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : abolishment of regions, strengthening of a local government, maintenance of autonomies.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : French model : strong president - strong prime-minister, who is obliged to account to the parliament.

5. *Interethnic relations* : the main thing is a citizenship and not a nationality. We protect cultural rights of language minorities.

The party does not support the course of current

government.

Pre-electoral program : People should control a local government by local self-government. We should fight against corruption together - should overcome poverty together; the victory in local elections will give us possibility to fight against bribery. We will not permit "harlemization" of suburbs in Tbilisi (Gldani, Varketili, Temka, Mukhiani and others); and fight against non-literacy among children, a school should prepare youth for life; affordable health care system.

The party has presented its electoral lists at 328 proportional district.

Address : 41, Leselidze St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 98 33 67; 92 31 85. *Fax* : 93 27 09; 83 67.

E-mail : <spg@access.sanet.ge>

8. Political Organisation of Georgia – "Lemi" (GL)

Motto : Georgia in the first place.

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1990.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : A. Gasviani, D. Japaridze, T. Gazdeliani, N. Gulbani, R. Nemsadze, K. Jachvliani, D. Argeveliani, T. Kvitsiani and others.

Organisational structure : congress (once every

2 years) - jury and it's presidium (for 2 year term, 150 members, presidium - 35 members : A. Gasviani, D. Japaridze, N. Gulbani, R. Nemsadze, D. Argeveliani, T. Kvitsiani) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 2 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Tengiz Gazdeliani (1946). Graduated from Tbilisi State Medical Institute. A minister of social protection, labour and employment. Married, a son and three grandchildren.

Number of members : 15.000 (active - 1.500), more than 500 - women.

The party has a youth organisation - Young Socialists Union of Georgia (about 7.000 members), 7 regional and 50 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper LEMI (is issued twice a month, 1.000 copies).

The party participated in 1992 parliament elections in the block "Peace" and received 40% of votes, was represented by two majoritarian MPs in the Parliament.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 1.2% of votes, is represented by an majoritarian MP in the parliament.

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : fight for restoring of territorial unity of Georgia and establishing of national and social justice.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : accelerated economical development of highland and seaside regions. Foundation of private and rental property forms on land; at the same time, giving land in private property in the seaside zone should be forbidden.

2. *Foreign Policy* : deep political and economical integration with Western countries and further development of equal rights good neighbour relations with neighbour countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federation.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : French model of state government.

5. *Interethnic relations* : in spite of nationality, all citizens of Georgia should have equal rights and obligations towards the state.

The party mainly supports the course of current government, but has some different opinions in home policy.

The party has presented its electoral lists at 238 proportional district.

Address : 33, Gamsakhurdia Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 38 00 27; 38 14 77.

9. Electoral Block "National Concord"

The block has presented electoral lists at 199 proportional districts.

Union of Athletes of Georgia

Motto : Healthy nation - strong state.

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1994.

First registration : 1994; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : veteran athletes.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main committee (is elected for 4 year term, 31 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Edisher Machaidze (1956, in Tbilisi), an engineer-constructor, a teacher, twice prize winner of European championship, twice champion and twice cup winner in wrestling in former Soviet union, Ph.D. in technical sciences, honoured trainer of Georgia.

Number of members : 10.000 (active - about 2.500), about 50 - women.

The party has a youth organisation - union of Young Athletes of Georgia (founded in 1998, about 500 members), 6 regional and 67 district organisations.

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections together with Reformers Union of Georgia ("National Concord") and received 2,78% of votes. Is represented in the parliament by 2 majoritarian MPs.

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : restore of territorial wholeness of the state, consolidation of the nation, healthy nation,

elaboration of reforms characteristic to democrat state in spheres of politics, economics, education, physical culture and sports.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : elaboration of a concrete concept of national economy, taking into account specifics of social-economic condition in transitional period. Merge of private and state property on land according to the strategy of the state economy development.

2. *Foreign Policy* : friendly, partner relations with neighbour and other states, strengthening economical, cultural relations with them.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : development of territorial units taking into account national economy of the state, social and economical features.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

5. *Interethnic relations* : "National Concord" means to unite the nation, under the nation we understand representatives of other nations - citizens of Georgia, who have all constitutional rights.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : national concordance will save Georgia, the nation should be united and should live independently in the united Georgia.

The nation should be healthy, this is a sign of a strong state.

Address : 6, Constitution St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 95 30 06; 96 98 79. *Fax* : 95 74 38.

Union of Reformers of Georgia

Information has not been received.

10. Political Union "Athletic Georgia" (UAG)

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1998.

Registration : 1998.

Founders : famous athletes : R. Rurua, Z. Akhmeteli, O. Korkia, N. Jorjikia, T. Mdinardze, S. Barkaia, G. Sagaradze and others.

Organisational structure : congress (once a year) - board (is elected for 1 year term, 25 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for a year term).

Chairman : Roman Rurua (1942), an engineer, president of the company "Lelo", Olympic and world champion in wrestling, Married and a child.

Number of members : 5.000 (active - 2.500).

Is represented in the parliament by 1 majoritarian MP.

The party youth organisation is in the process of foundation, the party has regional organisations in all regions and 70% of district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : market economics, mixed property on land - both : private and state.

2. *Foreign Policy* : good neighbour relations with all countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : district division without autonomies.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : strong presidential.

5. *Interethnic relations* : cultural autonomies for national minorities.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : unitary country, solve of social issues, development of market economics.

The party has presented its electoral lists at 236 proportional districts.

Address : 36, Ksani St., Tbilisi.

Phone /Fax : 61 86 06.

11. National-Democrat Party (NDP)

Motto : Truth everywhere and always.

Political direction : rights.

Date of foundation : 1917, restored in 1981.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Gia Chanturia, Irakli Kadagishvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - main committee (for 2 year term, 21members) - presidium (7 members : I. Sarishvili-Chanturia, I. Kadagishvili, R. Sakvarelidze, U. Lipartia, O. Melkadze, I. Kvachakhia, G. Khmelidze) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 2 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Irina Sarishvili-Chanturia (1964), a philologist, MP, chairman of the fraction : "NDP - National-Democrat Party". Address : 8, Kipshidze St., phone : 23 39 13.

Number of members : about 10.000 (active - about 4.500), 12% - women.

The party has a youth organisation - Young National Democrat (founded in 1993, about 3.000 members), 11 regional and 69 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper KARTULI CHRONIKA and the journal "Moambe".

The party is a rightful member of Christian-Democrat International.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections and received 20-22% of votes, had 14 MPs in Parliament (11 by a party list and 3 - majoritarian).

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 7,97% of votes, has 12 MPs in Parliament (10 by a party list and 2 - majoritarian, they are united in a fraction "NDP - National-Democrat Party").

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : truth everywhere and always. Welfare for every Georgian Family.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free market economics, private property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : Western orientation.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : constitutional monarchy.

5. *Interethnic relations* : cultural autonomy.

The party does not support the course of current government in home policy, and partially supports - in foreign policy.

Pre-electoral program : election of mayors and heads of administrations, private property on land, welfare for retired.

The party has presented its electoral lists at 295 proportional district.

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12. Greens Party of Georgia (GPG)

Motto : Ecology, democracy, and non-violence.

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1990.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders; Z. Jhvania, R. Khuntsaria, G. Baramidze, M. Bitsadze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 3 years) - political committee (for 3 year term, 7 members : G. Gachechiladze, N. Chkhobadze, A. Geladze, G. Gigineishvili, I. Kartsvadze, N. Kirvalidze, Z. Mgaloblishvili) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 3 year term, last elected

in 1998).

Chairman : George Gachechiladze(1954), a doctor of geographical science, professor. MP of two elections. Deputy head of environment protection and natural resources parliamentary committee.

Number of members : 2.000 (active - 450), 730 - women.

Party has 7 regional and 52 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper DEDAMITSA (founded in 1991, can not be published now because of lack of the finances).

The party is a member of Europe Greens Parties' Federation.

The party participated in 1990 elections in block "Freedom" - did not have a representative in parliament.

The party individually participated in 1992 elections and received 9% of votes, had 12 representatives in parliament (11 by party list and 1 - majoritarian).

In 1995 elections the party participated together with "Citizen's Union" and has 4 representatives in parliament (all 4 by part list). The MPs are united in the fraction "Citizen's Union".

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : environment protection, formation of a democrat state.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : development of ecologically clean industry and agriculture based on principles of steady development. Private property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : integration in European Union.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : regional.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

5. *Interethnic Relations* : a principle of tolerance : equal rights for all citizens of Georgia.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

The party has representatives in executive government : minister and a deputy minister of environment protection, Kutaisi vice-mayor.

Pre-electoral program : formation of environment protection priorities in the state; development of civil society; providing ecological safety for population.

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Phone : 95 20 33. *Fax* : 35 16 74.

E-mail : <gagreens@greens.org.ge>

13. Labour Party of Georgia (LPG) – "Labourists"

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1995; *new registrations* : 1996; 1998.

Founders : Sh. Natelashvili, T. Obgaidze, Ts.

Albutashvili, M. Mdivani, V. Khidasheli, T. Dzgania.

The party is a law successor of State-Justice Union.

Organisational structure : conference (once every 2 years) - political executive committee (is elected for 2 year term, 25 members) - chairman (is elected by a conference for 2 year term).

Chairman : Shalva Natelashvili (1957), a lawyer. Has graduated from USSR Foreign Affairs Ministry Diplomatic Academy post-graduate study. 1992-1995 - a chairman of the juridical commission of Georgian parliament. A member of jurists world organisation.

The party has a youth organisation : Youth Fraction of Labour Party of Georgia, all regional and district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections. Is represented in the parliament by 8 majoritarian MPs.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : dynamic and balanced economics, which serves first of all people and correspondingly, state interests. Land should not be sold, but agriculture production surplus should be purchased from peasants by the state.

2. *Foreign Policy* : providing of peaceful space for Georgia, peaceful course on a world scale, state neutrality.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

5. Interethnic relations : we see Georgia as a democrat and socially protected society, its strength is defined by equal and rightful treatment of all Georgian citizens (despite nationality).

The party does not support the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : getting the country out of deep state political crisis, making economics working really; broad way to national producers and businessmen. State monopoly on export-import of electric energy, oil and oil products, alcohol. Creating free economic zones, making small and medium business free from slavery taxes, fighting against unemployment. State should care for health care, for problems of refugees, pensioners, people without salaries. Satisfaction of clients having accounts in state banks.

The party has presented its electoral lists at 267 proportional districts.

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Phone : 99 93 79. *Fax* : 99 62 13.

14. Block "Georgia – Merab Kostava Society"

Block has presented electoral lists at 270 proportional districts.

United Republican Party of Georgia (URPG)

Political direction : centrists with tendency to

right wing, with priority of national interests.

Date of foundation : 1994.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : People's Front of Georgia, Republican Party, Khartia - 91.

The party is a law successor of People's Front of Georgia, Republican Party, Khartia - 91.

Organisational structure : congress (at least once every year, but not less than once every 4 years) - darbazi (between congresses) - national committee (is elected from a congress to congress, 11 members by a rule, now 10 members : N. Natadze, Sh. Nadirashvili, A. Dolidze, R. Dundua, G. Sordia, Z. Mamulashvili, S. Tskhadadze, P. Aslanikashvili, E. Chkhaidze, T. Berianidze) - chairman (is elected by a national committee for the same term as the national committee itself, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Nodar Natadze (1929), Ph.D. in philology, head of a section of philosophical inheritance of the Institute of Philosophy. *Address* : 16, Panaskerteli St., apt. 57, phone : 38 16 32.

Number of members : 5.000 (active - 500).

The party youth organisation is in the process of founding, the party has 40 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper SAKARTVELO (founded in 1989, number of copies and a period of publication varies).

The party individually participated in 1990 parliament elections under the name of People's

Front of Georgia and could not overcome the fixed barrier, was represented by 12 majoritarian MPs in the Parliament.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections in the block "11 October" - People's Front of Georgia, Republican Party, Dasi, Christian-Democrat Union. Had 23 party list MPs in the parliament.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections under the name of "Republicans" and could not overcome the fixed barrier, is represented by a majoritarian MP in the parliament.

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : Restore of jurisdiction in Abkhazeti and Tskhinvali zones, leaving CIS, taking out Russian troops, decreasing of corruption, Western orientation, free economics with active customs and taxation regulation.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported A. Bakradze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : a principle of free initiative, active regulation of processes, purposeful construction of infrastructures. Land should not be sold to a non-citizen, land possession, usage and control processes have to be rationally regulated taking into account strategic interests of Georgia.

2. *Foreign Policy* : active neutrality, in case of necessary uniting into a military block, getting a member of NATO only. Establishing political,

economical and cultural union with eastern countries (including India and China).

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : whole federalisation of Georgia is inadmissible, asymmetry is admissible, all local problems have to be solved according to the local conditions; creating "Oseti" is inadmissible, in Abkhazeti - orientation autonomy.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary Republic.

5. *Interethnic relations* : functional (cultural and other.) autonomy for all national minorities, except Apsuas, as realisation of their national interests is done through territorial autonomy.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : honest distribution of budget and other sources. In a village - organisation of guaranteed purchase of main local products by the government, organisation of supply with fuel-fertilisers, chemicals and other necessary materials passing over Mafia. Solving of specific local problems.

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Phone : 93 19 93; 93 15 89.

Iliia Chavchavadze Society

Political direction : right wing centrist.

Date of foundation : 1987.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : G. Chanturia, M. Kurdiani, G. Mamulia, Ts. Ardashelia, T. Chkheidze, Z. Chavchavadze.

Organisational structure : darbazi (once every 4 years) - administration (is elected for 4 year term, 7, now 6 members : T. Chkheidze, R. Kuprava, M. Pataraiia, J. Lataria, N. Chigogidze).

The party does not have a chairman, it is managed by the administration.

Number of members : 2.000 (active - 100), 800 women.

The party has 15 regional organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper IVERIA (founded in 1989, temporarily not issued, due to lack of funds).

The party participated in 1990 parliamentary elections (within the block "Ivane Javakishvili Society", "Archil Jorjadze Society", "Demographic Society") and received 2% of votes. Was represented in the Parliament by 1 majoritarian MP.

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. Was represented in the Parliament by 7 party list MPs.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections. Received 1% of votes. Was represented in the Parliament by 1 MP.

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections: return Abkhazetian and Osetian regions. Withdrawal of Russian troops; free economics.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported

A. Bakradze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : market, private property on land.
2. *Foreign Policy* : independent. Oriented to Western civilisation.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary with local self-governing.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.
5. *Interethnic relations* : equal rights for all citizens of Georgia. Normal relations with everyone. Autonomy for Abkhazeti.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : real independence of Georgia. Restoration of territorial integrity, establishment of free economic relations, urgent measures for resolution of social problems.

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Phone : 99 61 96.

Merab Kostava Society

Political direction : rights-conservative.

Date of foundation : 1990.

First registration : 1990; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders :V. Adamia, G. Beruashvili, J. Tatulashvili, T. Bulashvili, Z. Siamashvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 3 years) - administration (is elected for 3 year term, 7 members : V. Adamia, N. Kvachadze, N.

Bakhtadze, D. Kupreishvili, Sh. Koblianidze, D. Japaridze, M. Khutsishvili) - chairman (elected for 3 year term, last elected in 1995).

Chairman : Vazha Adamia (1950), a dentist. Has participated in all protest political actions from 1987 : Kartli - 1989; Abkhazeti - 1989; Shida Kartli - 1989; and in civil wars and conflicts in Abkhazeti from 1992. Address : 1, Zandukleli St. Tbilisi, phone : 99 79 52.

Number of members : 2.700 (active - 1.200), 368 - women.

The party has 7 regional and 43 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper SARANGI (founded in 1990, issued a few times a year, 2,000 copies).

The party participated in 1990 parliamentary elections (within the block "Round Table - Independent Georgia", "Helsinki Union", "St. Iliia the Righteous Society", Traditionalists Union) and received 66% of votes. Was represented in the parliament by 24 MPs. (17 - by party list, 7 - majoritarian).

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. Received 3,3% of votes. Was represented in the Parliament by 7 MPs (5 - by party list, 2 - majoritarians).

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections. Received 2,34% of votes. Was represented in the Parliament by 1 majoritarian MP.

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995

elections : withdrawal of Georgia from CIS area; full and unconditional de-occupation of Georgia; restoration of territorial independence and cancellation of Abkhazetian and Ajarian autonomies. Support of transit of Big Oil through Georgia.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : market, formation of Georgia as a transit country. Realisation of fair privatisation. Provision of rights for the citizens of Georgia to purchase, sell and inherit land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : to establish close political, economic, military and cultural relations with the USA and NATO member countries and honest relations with neighbouring countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary, within the historical borders of Georgia. Establishment of federal principles towards northern Caucasian countries and of confederate principles with other Caucasian countries is acceptable.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential republic.

5. *Interethnic relations* : equal rights for all citizens of Georgia.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : decentralisation of administrative system. Strict budget and staff

control of self-governed bodies by "sakrebulo" - local councils. Full land reform and privatisation. Creation of working places for the population. Fight against corruption.

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Union of God Children of Georgia (UGCG)

Political direction : Theo-democrats.

Date of foundation : 1989.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Z. Sikharulidze together with the group of people holding the same views.

Organisational structure : conference (not least than once every 4 years) - political board (is elected for 4 year term, 7 members : Z. Sikharulidze, N. Kenchuashvili, D. Katamadze, K. Amirajibi, I. Lobjhanidze) - chairman (is elected by a conference for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Zaza Silkharulidze (1960, Batumi), semitologist, Ph.D. in philosophy. 1990 - a member of National Forum of Georgia, National Congress and National Olympic committee. 1992 - a member of Georgian Parliament, a chairman of Social Issues Commission. 1993 - a member of the State Constitutional Commission, a member of Medical and Social Sciences Academy of Georgia.

Number of members : 15.569 (active - 500), 4.391 - women.

The party has 10 regional and 46 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper GVTISSHVILI (from 1991, weekly, 10.000 copies).

The party participated in 1990 parliament elections (in the block with People's Party) and received 0,67% of votes.

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. Had 2 party list MPs in the Parliament.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 0,64% of votes, is represented by 1 MP in the parliament.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : establishment of socially oriented market economics, development of industry and small business. Private property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : cautious, flexible, balanced.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary but maintaining autonomies.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

5. *Interethnic Relations* : Georgian nation rights' protection, taking into account principles of nations' friendship.

The party supports the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : spiritual purification and revival of Georgian nation, economical prosperity.

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SECTION II

*Registered Parties Not Participating in
November 15th Local Elections*

Listed in alphabetical order

Agrarian Party of Georgia (APG)

Motto : Evil was vanquished by good, its existence is enduring.

Political direction : centrists.

First registration : 1994; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Z. Glonti, V. Metreveli, N. Karkashidze, Z. Charkseliani, V. Maglakelidze, L. Tediashvili, G. Paposhvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every year) - political bureau (is elected for a year, 7 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for a year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Zaur Glonti, (1942), an engineer, Ph.D. in technical science. Since 1996 - has been a head of the department of resorts and tourism, member of the National-Social Relations Academy. Married and two children.

Number of members : about 2.000 (active - about 300), 10% - women.

The party has 30 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper MEURNE (founded in 1994, is issued monthly, 1.000 copies).

The party individually participated in 1995

parliamentarian and received about 3% of votes. Is represented in the parliament by 2 majoritarian MPs.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : development of agrarian issues on a scientific level in agriculture, stage realisation of land reforms, state property mainly, parallel support of development of private farmer economies.

2. *Foreign Policy* : equal rights relations with other states.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : Georgia as a unitary state, including autonomy republics of Ajara and Abkhazeti.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party supports the course of current government.

Address : 29, Rustaveli Ave., Tbilisi.

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Christian Conservative Party of Georgia (CCPG)

Motto : The homeland is unique as the Lord.

Political direction : rights.

Date of foundation : 1992.

First registration : 1997; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Sh. Malashkhia, T. Kikacheishvili, M. Museridze.

The party is a law successor of the party - "Movement of National Survival of Georgia -

Resistance Front".

Organisational structure : congress (once every 3 years) - party committee (elected for 3 years term), chairman (elected by the congress for 3 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Shota Malashkhia (1962 in Tbilisi). In 1989 graduated from State Medical Institute, Physician neuro-immunologist at the II Tbilisi Hospital. Married and two children.

Number of members : 1.500 (active - 25-30%), 60% - women.

The party has 7 regional and 12 district organisations.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : the party shares Western right wing parties' general economic principles. Private property on land, although other forms are admissible.

2. *Foreign Policy* : close partnership with West. Activation of work towards establishment of "Caucasian House" similar to European Union.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary. Wide rights to the autonomous republics (Abkhazeti, Ajara).

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential-parliamentary (French model).

The party considers that present government does not have any policy.

The party does not take part in local self-

governmental elections of November 15, 1998 as there is no indication about the territorial administrative arrangement of the country in the Constitution.

Address : 36, Kobuleti St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 22 20 94.

Christian-Democrat Union of Georgia (CDUG)

Political direction : Christian-democrat.

Date of foundation : 1989.

First registration : 1990; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : I. Kakabadze, P. Tandilashvili, G. Burjanadze, M. Orjonikidze, B. Machavariani, A. Dzotsenidze and others.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - federal committee - political bureau - executive committee (is elected for 2 year term, 7 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 2 year term, last elected in 1998).

Currently the party has no chairman and deputy-chairmen, according to the regulation, execute his functions.

Number of members : 1450 (active - 150), 300 women.

The party has a youth organisation - Christian-Democrat association of Georgian Youth (founded in 1988, 600 members); 3 regional and 17 district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1990

parliamentarian elections (block - "Freedom") and received 3,8% of votes.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentarian elections in the block "28 October" and received 18% of votes. Had 3 party list MPs in the parliament.

The party participated in 1995 parliamentarian elections (block - "Christian Democracy - European Choice") and received 1% of votes, is represented by 3 majoritarian MP in the parliament.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : private property, open market economics, and minimum of state interference, unlimited private property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : European integration, peaceful and European Caucasus.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federation.

4. *Interethnic relations* : presidential (as in the USA).

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because of non-democrat, non-constitutional laws, and state rude interference in elections through its administrative apparatus.

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Communist Party of Georgia (CPG)

Motto : All compatriots, unite !

Political direction : lefts.

Date of foundation : 1992, first under the name of "Socialist Party of Georgian Workers," then "Communist Party of Georgian Workers". Since 1994 "Communist party of Georgia".

First registration : 1994; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : I. Tsiklauri, Sh. Berianidze, Z. Kveladze, V. Okruashvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - central committee "plenum" (once every 6 months) - bureau (between plenums) - secretariat (is elected for 2 year term, 4 members) - chairman (is elected by a central committee plenum for 2 year term, last elected in 1996).

Chairman : Ivane Tsiklauri (1953), graduated from TSU department of Economics, major - political economics. Lecturer at the department of political economics TPU; Head of a sector of The Institute of Economical Management and Planning Committee.

Number of members : 4.500 (active - 3.000), 35% - women.

The party has a youth organisation - comsomol (700 members), and 67 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper COMUNISTIS KHMA (1.500 copies).

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections, had 4 party list MPs in the parliament.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 3% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : centralised, state manageable economics. Land belongs to people, this means - it is a state property.

2. *Foreign Policy* : co-operation with former Soviet Republics, also with other countries on an inter-advantageous basis for everybody.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : centralised unitary, district principle.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party does not support the course of current government

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because of the following reasons : 1. Georgian constitution does not define administrative-territorial arrangement, 2. Census has not been conducted during the last years, the number of real voters is not known, therefore, there is a great possibility of falsification. 3. Population of Abkhazeti and Samachablo does not take part in

elections, therefore, this means recognition of lost territories.

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Phone : 899 56 18 72; 53 25 17.

Conservative Party of Georgia (CPG)

Political direction : rights.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : G. Jojua, M. Jhgenti, G. Tsulaia, G. Kartosia, E. Sokurovi, M. Takidze, D. Gakhokidze.

Conservative Party of Georgia is a law successor of Liberal-Conservative party, separated from monarchist party.

Organisational structure : congress (once a year) - darbazi (for 3 years, 11 members) - chairman (is elected by a darbazi for 3 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Grigol Jojua (1962), Graduated from Department of Eastern Studies TSU. Former worker of research centre for international relations of Georgian Academy of Science; former member of the State Board (1992); MP (1993-1995). address : 32, Sabaduri St., phone : 877 42 05 31.

Number of members : 3.400 (active - 300), 5-7% - women.

The party has 7 regional and about 50 district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1995 elections and received 0,51% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : private property, liberal taxation policy, and protectionism of definite spheres. Land privatisation after inventory and protection of all property forms.

2. *Foreign Policy* : to activate regional policy, fix state interests of Georgia, strive to North in a model : "North-South".

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal. Priorities not by ethno-confessional but economical point of view.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : constitutional monarchy.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because of non-democrat electoral law.

Address : 50, Chavchavadze Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 77 44 73, 877 42 05 31.

David Agmashenebeli (the Builder) party (DAP)

Motto : Happiness for everybody.

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1996.

First registration : 1996; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : R. Liparteliani, O. Gamkrelidze, V. Beridze, D. Menagarishvili, G. Chankotadze, N. Abuashvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - darbazi (is elected for 4 year term, 21 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1996).

Chairman : Roin Liparteliani (1951, in village Gvirishi), in 1974 graduated from Georgia State Agricultural Institute, department of agronomy, and a department of social sciences; In 1976 graduated from License institute of Georgia, department of license, and Diplomatic college, major - international diplomacy; in 1985 graduated from TSU department of jurisprudence, major - expert in justice. 1995 - was elected an academician of Academy of Agrarian-technological sciences of Georgia. Is fluent in native and five foreign languages. 1981 - president of Georgian agrarians association, 1990 - chairman of Georgian agrarians association; 1994 - chairman of Agrarian Party of Georgia, 1992 - MP in the parliament of Georgia, a chairman of the committee in agrarian affairs; 1991 and 1995 - a presidential candidate of Georgia. Married, has

three children.

Number of members : 17.000 (active - 1.000), 25% - women.

The party has a youth organisation - Young Agmashenebelta (Builders') Organisation (founded in 1996), 12 regional and 72 district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : convergence, all types of property on land. Land sale and purchase is inadmissible on this stage.

2. *Foreign Policy* : ideas of David Agmashenebeli (the Builder).

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential on this stage, finally - monarchy.

The party does not support the course of current government.

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Phone : 33 53 26.

Democrat Centre of Georgia (DCG)

Motto : Strive to make good.

Political direction : centrist.

Date of foundation : was founded as a youth club "Amirani" in 1974 year - half legal party in fact. In 1998 the main core of the club united in Constitutional Democrat's party. In spring 1996 it separated from Constitutional Democrat's party, as an independent fraction "Democrat Centre".

First registration : 1996; *new registration* :

1998.

Founders : fraction "Democrat Centre".

Organisational structure : congress (once every year) - board (for 2 year term, 17 members) - chairman (is elected for 2 year term, not more than twice, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Zurab Murvanidze (1947), a physician, psychologist, journalist, artist, politician. 1992-1996 - a member of the Georgian parliament, author of the law "Time in Georgia", co-author of the new Georgian Constitution in 1995. At present, works at the neural-surgery department of the Georgian State Medical University.

Number of members : more than 1.000 (active - 100), 30% - women.

Party has 7 regional and 9 district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : market economics, private property. There should be the right of land sale in Georgia, but only when income per capita will be even one lari more than survival minimum.

2. *Foreign Policy* : equal rights relationship with all states, good neighbour relations taking into account economical profit.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : united Georgia including Abkhazeti and Ajara autonomies, wide spectre of autonomy.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential republic with two-house parliament, "congress" is elected according to party principle, and senate -

"independent" principle.

Party partially supports the course of current government : foreign policy is acceptable, but home - is not.

Party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 because of the following motives : 1. Local self-government elections should not have to be held according to party principle; 2. This election makes confrontation of parties and is more like a show than elections.

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Phone : 37 54 20. *Fax* : 39 65 18.

Democrat Party (DP)

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1991.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : M. Kurdiani, K. Garibashvili, G. Kvlividze, B. Datuashvili, T. Kvirkevelia.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - party national committee (for a year term, 7 members) - chairman (is elected for 3 year term, last elected in 1997 by national committee).

Chairman : Gela Kvlividze (1940), graduated from Department of Construction SPI in 1963. 1964-1967 - Design Institution. 1967-1989 - system of construction and agricultural construction ministries. In 1989 started political activity and in 1990 participated in elections as an

independent candidate from the block - "Democrat Georgia". In 1991 founded Democrat Party and has been a chairman of the party since 1993. 1992 - 1995 was a chairman of the parliament fraction "Democrats", vice- chairman of construction commission. In 1996 founded Ltd "Betbi" and does construction works in Tbilisi together with German partners. Married and a daughter. Address : 24, Ir. Abashidze St., phone : 23 28 26.

Number of members : 4.270 (active - 400), 830 - women.

The party has 32 regional and 47 district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1992 elections and 10 MPs were elected by party list.

The party individually participated in 1995 elections and received 1,8% of votes, has one representative in parliament in fraction "Abkhazeti", as Abkhazetian deputation of 1992 has automatically been given MP in new parliament.

In 1995 presidential elections party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : socially oriented market economics, private property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : equal friendly relations with neighbour and other democrat countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : administrative territorial division of the country according to regional principle.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliament-

presidential, two-house parliament.

Address : 29, Chavchavadze Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 22 54 85. *Fax* : 22 30 06.

E-mail : <kvliv@access.sanet.ge>

Democrat Union of Georgia (DUG)

Motto : Give Georgians blessing of love and trust of each other.

Date of foundation : 1991.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : A. Margiani, T. Abuladze, Z. Tsereteli, V. Gogvadze, V. Kvaratskeli.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main co-ordinating board (for 4 year term, 17 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1995).

Chairman : Avtandil Margiani (1945), 1992 - MP, ex-vice-prime-minister.

Number of members : about 32.500 (active - 72,6%), 32,3% - women.

The party has youth organisation - Union of Young Democrats; 10 regional and 75 district organisations.

Printing Body : the newspaper DEMOCRAT GEORGIA.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections (block "Peace") and received 19,5% of votes. Was represented in the parliament by 29 party list and 7 majoritarian MPs

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary

elections (block "Progress") and received 3,2% of votes. Was represented in the parliament by 5 majoritarian MPs.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES :

1. *Economics* : social orientation. Land in constant usage.
2. *Foreign Policy* : democrat union with sovereign states of former Soviet Union.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : united Georgia with autonomies and territorial rule bodies.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : mixed state government.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Address : 37, Rustaveli Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 95 60 34; 95 08 44; 33 38 65. *Fax* : 95 60 34.

Economic Revival – "The Yellows"

Information has not been received.

Georgian Agrarian-Democrat Party

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1998.

Registration : 1998.

Founders : S. Rukhadze, P. Gejadze, V. Mchedlishvili, R. Korinteli.

The party is law successor of Agrarian Union.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - board (is elected for 4 year term, 21 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Sergo Rukhadze (1931), President of non governmental Agrarian Academy. *Address* : 44, Saburtalo St. Apt. 8, Tbilisi, phone : 38 35 31.

Number of members : 3.350 (active - 1.750), 1.550 - women.

The party has 2 regional and 10 district organisations.

Printing Body : the newspaper AGRARULI GAZETI (founded in 1998).

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : regulated market economics, undertaking social reforms, elimination of starvation. Private property on land, inherited without right of sale and purchase.
2. *Foreign Policy* : peaceful, equal co-operation.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : existed division.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

The party does not take part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998, because of lack of time and funds.

Address : 15, Tamarashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 39 41 20.

Georgian Bourgeois-Democrat Party (GBDP)

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1992.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : NGO sector organisational assembly, N. Koberidze, M. Zankaliani.

The party is law successor of Georgian League for Economic and Social Progress.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - political board (is elected for 4 year term, 19-21 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Nugzar Koberidze, (1950), a poet, member of Writers' Union. Married and two daughters. Address : 12, Uiaragho St., Tbilisi.

Number of members : 10.000 (active - 200), 30% - women.

The party has regional and district organisations.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. The party was represented in the Parliament by 2 party list MPs.

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 1,6% of votes.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : establishment of necessary political economic and legal conditions for the development of free producing and commercial

activities.

2. *Foreign Policy* : loyal, based on national interests.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : not federal.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Address : 19, Vazha Pshavela Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 37 66 51.

Georgian Christian-Democrat Party (GCDP)

Motto : Universal orthodoxy.

Political direction : right wing.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founder : V. Chkheidze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every two years) - big board (elected for 2 year term, 15 members), chairman - (elected by the congress for two year term. Last elected in 1996).

Chairman : Vakhtang Chkheidze, (born in 1965), an engineer-chemist. Address : 179, Nutsubidze St., III Corp., apt. 20, Tbilisi.

Number of members : up to 3.000 (active - up to 800), 7% - women.

The party has 5 regional and 30 district organisations.

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 0,75% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free, market. Private property on land.
2. *Foreign policy* : Western oriented.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : constitutional monarchy.

The party does not support the course of present government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of November 15, 1998 as it is not ready to take responsibility in a number of issues.

Address : 21, Rustaveli Ave., Tbilisi.
Phone/Fax : 98 31 88.

Georgian Conservative (Monarchist) Party

Motto : Lord, Motherland and King.

Political direction : right-centrist, national-patriot.

Date of foundation : 1989.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : T. Jhorjholiani, A. Chelidze, I. Pavlenishvili, M. Makashvili, G. Khonelidze, etc.

Organisational structure : didi darbazi (once every 2 years) - main board (elected for 2 year

term, 11 members) - chairman (elected by didi darbazi for 2 year period, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : T. Jhorjholiani (1949), a historian, twice political prisoner. Married and seven children. Address : 24, Khvedeliani St., Tbilisi.

Number of members : 4.500 (active - 800), 300 - women.

The party has 7 regional and 40 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper DZLEVAI (from 1989).

The party participated in parliamentary elections of 1992 (block "Peace") and received 34% of votes. Was represented in the Parliament by 12 MPs (9 by party list; 3 - majoritarian).

The party individually participated in 1995 elections (the leader of the party was arrested) and received 3,5% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

The party is the International Union member of London Conservative Political Organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : right wing, private property on land.
2. *Foreign policy* : anti-Russian, Western orientation.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federalism.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary, constitutional monarchy.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of November 15, 1998 because of strategic and financial reasons, and it concentrates energy for the further parliamentary elections.

Address : 8, Machabeli St., Tbilisi.
Phone/Fax : 98 67 55.

Georgian Freedom and Unity Movement "Chkondideli"

Political direction : conservative.

Date of foundation : 1992.

First registration : 1997, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : A group of supporters of the persecuted legitimate government, which was in Abkhazeti. Initiative Group Leader - V. Gabelia.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - "darbazi" (once every 6 months) - political board (elected for 2 year term, 11 members) - chairman (elected for 2 year term by the political board elected by the congress, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Jemal Gamakharia (1949 in Abkhazeti). Ph.D. in Historical sciences. Member of Abkhazetian Supreme Board. Married.

Number of members : 7,000 (active - more than 2,000), up to 2,000 - women.

The party has 3 regional and 45 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper CHKONDIDELI (founded in 1993 and was named "Chkondidi", 1,500 copies).

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : support free business through corresponding taxation and fiscal policy. Privatisation of land except 30-40 km border line.

2. *Foreign Policy* : integration into Western structures together with Caucasian House.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : at present presidential. In future constitutional monarchy is also acceptable.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998, because the present government is illegal, the 1991-1992 coup is not evaluated, election law is non democrat, situation in the country is unstable and there is threat of elections fail.

Address : 25, Tashkent St., apt. 1, Tbilisi.
Phone : 38 03 11.

Georgian National Party (GNP)

Motto : From our youth we have been thinking about the fate of Kartli.

Political direction : rights, Western orientation.

Date of foundation : 1993.

First registration : 1994; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : K. Gugulashvili, M. Loladze, L. Meskhia, M. Aghniashvili, K. Komakhidze, P. Tavzarashvili, G. Gogbaidze, T. Shavlukhashvili, A. Shavlukhashvili, M. Mikaberidze and others.

The party is a law successor of St. Ilia the Righteous Society (the branch of National Congress).

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - Main board (elected for 4 year term, 7 members) - chairman (elected by the main board for 4 year period, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Konstantine Gugulashvili (1952), a constructor. Has taken active part in national movement from 1987. A member of St. Ilia the Righteous Society from 1988, a member of administration from 1990.

Number of members : 1.307 (active - 10-12%), 212 - women.

The party has 5 regional and 12 district organisations.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported A. Bakradze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free produce based on market, private property, maximum privatisation, private property on land.

2. *Foreign policy* : Georgia should leave Russian military-strategic area and integrate into the Euro-Atlantic area.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

The party does not support present governmental policy.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of November 15, 1998 for the anti-democrat regulations of the electoral system and financial difficulties of the party.

Address : 2, Nino Chkheidze St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 96 64 25.

Georgian National-State Unity Party "Samshoblos Pari" (Shield of Homeland)

Motto : Motherland in the first place.

Political direction : right-radicals.

Date of foundation : 1992.

First registration : 1992, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : A. Nadaraia, K. Nadaraia, M. Gulua, A. Bakhia, R. Salia, N. Gakharia.

Up to 1994 the party was named as Georgian National State Unity Party.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - "darbazi" (is elected for 4 year term, 19 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Amiran Nadaraia, (1927), In 1945-51 studied at the State Medical Institute, 1952-1954 worked as a physician at sanitary epidemic station, In 1954 a head physician in Tkvarcheli Sanepidstation, 1954-56 - head physician in

Sokhumi Sanepidstation, 1956-1958 - head physician of Republican Sanitary Epid. station.

Number of members : 3.100 (active - 45), 40% - women.

The youth organisation of the party is in the process of formation.

The party has 4 district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. Was represented in the Parliament by 1 party list MP.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections. Received less than 1% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : restoration and development of industry, agriculture and military industry. Land should be given for rent and right of succession (without the right of sale and purchase).

2. *Foreign Policy* : equal and friendly relations with all countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998, because of the technical reasons, poor electoral law, and possible falsification of election results.

Address : 10, Nutsubidze St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 39 44 65.

Georgian Social Justice Union

Political direction : social-democrat.

Date of foundation : 1990.

First registration : 1992, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : A. Ioseliani, G. Lordkipanidze, G. Ioramashvili, O. Egadze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - executive board (is elected for 2 year term, 9 members) - chairman (elected for 2 year term, last elected in, 1998).

Chairman : Archil Ioseliani (1951), in 1973 graduated from TSU, department of mechanic-mathematics. In 1973-1977 worked in Caucasian Hydro-meteorological Institute. From 1977 worked in Hydro-met centre of the USSR. Married and four children.

Number of members : 5.000 (active - 500), 40% - women.

The party has 8 regional organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper ARSI (2.000 copies).

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections and received 1,86% of votes and was represented in the Parliament by 2 party list MPs.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 1,05% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported

J. Patiashvili.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : elimination of criminal, anti-democrat privatisation results. Restoration of state property priorities in agriculture and industry. State property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : peaceful policy with neighbouring countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary state, taking into consideration autonomy.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary - election and re-election of prime minister by parliament and existence of representative president.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998 because of the following reasons : 1. Violence of the governing party. 2. Anti-democrat character of electoral law.

The party does not have an office.

Phone : (home) 22 41 16.

Georgian Union of Economists (GUE)

Motto : Strong families, strong state.

Political direction : right-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1993.

First registered : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Scientific board of TSU economics department : Iv. Gigoshvili, O. Saghareishvili, O. Chaduneli, B. Gabidzashvili, H. Karashvili and

others.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (is elected for 5 year term, 9 members) - chairman (elected for 5 year term, last elected in 1995).

Chairman : Iv. Gigoshvili (1936), an economist, deputy dean of the department of economics of TSU, assistant professor, Ph.D. in economics. Address; Vazha Pshavela Ave., V quartile, IV corp. apt. 89, phone : 30 93 68.

Number of members : 2.000 (active - 1.000), 40% - women.

The party participated in 1995 elections (block "Elections"), received 0,5% of votes.

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : legal privatisation, reveal of vouchers as illegal documents.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : effective, socially oriented. The party has negative attitude towards the land sale law.

2. *Foreign Policy* : balanced-governmental. Propaganda of United Caucasian House idea.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : maintain existing autonomous republics and categorical rejection of existence of so called South Osetian state.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : democrat republic. Limited presidential ruling.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

The party does not take part in 1998 elections, because of lack of time.

Address : Vazha Pshavela Ave., quartile V, corp., IV, apt. 89, Tbilisi.

Phone : 30 30 08; 30 93 68.

Helsinki Union – National Revival of Georgia

Motto : Towards revival of national independent state through human rights protection.

Political Direction : rights.

Date of foundation : 1976.

First registration : 1991; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : M. Kostava, Z. Gamsakhurdia.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (for 4-year term, 5 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4-year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Tengiz Kikacheishvili (1940), a professor of TSU, head of the chair of New Georgian Literature. A speaker of "Round Table - Free Georgia".

Number of members : 3.200 (active - 1.800). There are many women in the party.

The party has 12 regional and 40 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper ROUND TABLE - FREE GEORGIA (temporarily stopped).

The party participated in 1990 parliament elections (block - "Round Table - Free Georgia",

received about 54% of votes).

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free market economics, private property of land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : "Caucasian House" oriented to West.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because of non-democrat electoral law and usurper forms of management.

Address : 10, Tskneti St., Tbilisi.

Phone/Fax : 33 47 19.

Iberian-Caucasian Chkondideli National Movement "Laskari"

Political direction : right-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1992.

Registration : 1998.

Founders : S. Sajaia, D. Marghania, J. Beruashvili, C. Babluani.

Organisational structure : Congress (once every four years) - Laskari (elected for four year term, 9 members) - chairman (elected by the congress for 4 year term. Last elected in 1997).

Chairman - S. Sajaia (born in 1946 nearby

Sokhumi), a philologist. In 1971-1993, an editor of Sokhumi radiobroadcast, a school teacher, a director. In 1992-1993 fighter in the Sokhumi war. Was at the head of Tskhum-Abkhazetin Youth Organisation "Zghva Akhmaurda". Married, has three children.

Number of members : 1.281 (all active), 40% - women.

The party has 4 regional and 20 district organisations.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : market, mixed property on land.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : regional, in the frames of a unitary state.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party does not support the course of present government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of November 15, 1998 because of anti-democrat election regulations.

Address : 39, Chitaia St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 95 62 31.

I. B. Stalin Society

Motto : Respect for old, construct new.

Political direction : lefts.

Date of foundation : 1989.

Registration : 1998.

Founders : G. Oniani, I. Pantskhava.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 3 years) - presidium (is elected for 3 year term, 17 members) - chairman (elected for 3 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Grigol Oniani (1936 Lentekhi region), member of Communist Party since 1958. Married, two children and 4 grandchildren.

Number of members : 17.000 (active - 3.500), 3.000 - women.

The party has 8 regional and 28 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper PASUKHI (5.000 copies).

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

In the 1995 parliamentary elections received 2,2% of votes.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : Chinese model. Mixed property on land.
2. *Foreign Policy* : Russia, Europe. Full independence of Georgia.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary, constitutional monarchy.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : centralised.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Address : 31, K. Gamsakhurdia Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 25 22 72.

Independent Social-Democrat Party of

Georgia (ISDPG)

Motto : Towards welfare for everybody.

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1996.

First registration : 1996; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : D. Lomidze, M. Bregvadze, G. Khvedelidze, M. Lomidze, T. Dogonadze, L. Abramishvili, M. Tsaava, G. Chutlishvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (for 4 year term, 15 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : David Lomidze (1951, Tbilisi), a physicist, an economist. Has worked on komsomol and communist party affairs from 1974. 1992-1993 - a head of administration of Lagodekhi district. 1993-1995 - a political secretary of Social-Democrat Party. Married and two children.

Number of members : 3.000 (active - 750), 50% - women.

The party has a youth organisation (founded in 1997, 250 members) and 78 district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : socially oriented market economics, regulation of economical processes by the state. Private property on land with the right of sale and purchase.

2. *Foreign Policy* : dynamic balancing.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : asymmetric federation.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential. Two-house parliament.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because it is not financed by the government and, the party gets ready for coming parliament elections.

Address : 4, Janashia St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 25 13 14.

Intellectual League of Georgia (ILG)

Motto : Intellectual thinking will save Georgia.

Political direction : left-centrist.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Irakly Lomtadze, Demur Bashaleishvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 5 years) - political board - chairman (is elected by the congress for 5 year term, last elected in 1995).

Chairman : Irakly Lomtadze (1948), Graduated from Department of History TSU. Rector of Wood and Food Industry Technological institution. Director of Tbilisi branch of Kutaisi Technical University. Honoured chairman of Food Industry Academy of Science, academician.

Number of members : 12.000 (active - 3.000), 45% - women.

The party has 9 regional and 2 city organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper PEGASI.

The party individually participated in 1995 elections and received 1,8% of votes.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : development of market economics taking into account social interests of population. Private property on land; at the same time, government has to maintain property on strategically important lands.

2. *Foreign Policy* : loyal and neutral (according to geopolitical location).

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliament.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

Address : 55, Chavchavadze Ave., III floor, Tbilisi.

Phone : 29 35 25, 29 35 36. *Fax* : 22 73 02.

Liberal Democrat National Party (LDNP)

Motto : The Heavens have given us our Motherland.

Political direction : democrat-liberalism.

Date of foundation : 1990.

First registration : 1990; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : M. Naneishvili, I. Gegenava, G. Dolidze, V. Gotsiridze and others.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - board (is elected for 4 year term, 25

members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Michael Naneishvili (1934), studied at Conservatory for 2 years, TSU. Department of philosophy, worked at the Institute of philosophy. Delivers lectures at the Tbilisi Drama Institute. Chairman of the party from the date of foundation. Before Georgia joined CIS, was chairman of the faction "Unity" at the Parliament. Afterwards chairman of the Liberal Democrat Party in the Parliament. Member of the Constitutional Commission.

Number of members : 1.400 (active - 300).

The party has 11 district organisations.

The party participated in 1990 parliamentary elections (block "Freedom") and collected 3,67% of votes.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections (block "Ertoba" [Integrity]). Was represented in the Parliament by 4 party list MP.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections. Received 0,29% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free market, balanced development of industry and agriculture. Private property on land only for citizens of Georgia.

2. *Foreign Policy* : Withdrawal of Georgia from the CIS, integration with Europe. Good relations with neighbouring countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : decentralised, unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party is not going to take part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998, because the lack of funds.

The party does not have an office.

National-Democrat Union (NDU)

Motto : Georgia first of all.

Political direction : rights.

Date of foundation : 1997.

Registration : 1998.

Founders : A. Tedoradze, K.Kodua, D. Tevzadze, E. Esartia.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main committee (for 4 year term, 14 members) - chairman (is elected for 4 years term).

Chairman : Avtandil Tedoradze (1977, Sokhumi), a student of department of History-Jurisprudence TSU Sokhumi branch.

Number of members : 1.500 (active - 300), 10% - women.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free market economics, private property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : Western orientation.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* :

constitutional monarchy.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because it is not ready to take responsibility.

Address : 21, Rustaveli St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 98 31 73.

National Ideology Party of Georgia

Information has not been received.

Nationalist Party of Georgia (NPG)

Motto : Nation and Native Land.

Political direction : rights, Western orientation.

Date of foundation : 1993.

First registration : 1993; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Z. Vashakmadze, G. Chlaidze, K. Shoshiashvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - meeting /darbazi (is elected for 4 year term, 7 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in January 1998).

Chairman : Zaza Vashakmadze (1972), graduated from institute of Justice - Academy of Sciences of Georgia, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. A lawyer

in Samgory lawyer's office. Single. Address : apt. 169 II corpus, I micro-district, Vazisubani, Tbilisi.

Number of members : 2.500 (active - 500), 150 - women.

The party has a youth organisation - Young Nationalist (founded in 1997, 400-450 members) and 15 district organisations.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported A. Bakradze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : mixed - state and private property. Private property on land, except 20 km. borderline.

2. *Foreign Policy* : unite in all European structures, leave CIS and decrease Russian influence. Enter NATO.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary. Merge - unite of existing administrative -territorial units.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential on this stage, finally - monarchy.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Address : apt. 169 II corpus, I micro-district, Vazisubani, Tbilisi; 7 Anagi St., XV floor, Tbilisi.

Phone : 38 08 78; 75 74 36; 61 54a48.

National Public Front

Information has not been given.

National Unity Party of Georgia (NUPG)

Motto : National unity.

Political direction : lefts.

Date of foundation : 1988.

First registered : 1990; *new registration* : 1998.

Founder : G. Chincharauli.

The party is a law successor "National Party for Unity and Social Equality of Georgia".

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (elected for 4 year term, 9 members) - chairman (elected by the administration for 4 year period, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Giorgi Chincharauli (1947) an economist, professor, TSU staff member. Address : 37, Chavchavadze Ave., phone : 29 46 51.

Number of members : 2.500. (active - 1.000), 30% - women.

The youth organisation of the party is in the process of formation. Has regional organisations in all regions and districts of the country.

The party participated in parliamentary elections of 1992. (Created block with "Georgian Political League of Highlanders"), received 2% of votes, was represented in the Parliament by 1 party list MP.

The party individually participated in 1995 elections and received 1% of votes. At present the party is represented in the Parliament by 1 party list MP. The party is united with the fraction "Citizens Union".

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections: regulated market economics, federal arrangement of the State, protection of rights of national and ethnic minorities, etc.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : regulated market economics, private property on land for the citizens of Georgia.
2. *Foreign Policy* : peaceful coexistence with other states.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

Address : 5, Balanchivadze St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 99 73 14; 93 65 57; 29 46 51.

Party of Georgian National Independence (GNIP)

Political direction : rights.

Date of foundation : 1989.

First registration : 1992, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : I. Tsereteli, T. Sumbatashvili, V. Khomeriki, M. Sharashenidze, Z. Abramishvili, G. Jincharadze, V. Mtavrishvili.

Organisational structure : Congress : (once every 4 years) - main committee (elected for 4 year term, 12 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : I. Tsereteli (1961). Ex-dissident, in

1983-1987 - political prisoner, in 1992-1995 - a member of Georgian Parliament, Married and a daughter. *Address* : 5, Kavtaradze St., apt. 60, Tbilisi, phone : 30 55 60.

Number of members : 2.000 (active - 400), 306 - women.

The party has 36 district organisations.

The party individually participated in parliamentary elections of 1992. Was represented by 4 party list MPs.

The party individually participated in parliamentary elections of 1995. It received 1,86% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported A. Bakradze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : private, national (state) and church property, mixed economics. Private property on land.
2. *Foreign policy* : Western oriented with USA priority.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential republic.

The party supports the course of current government.

Address : 8, Machabeli St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 98 51 69; 98 49 84; 98 67 55. *Fax* : 98 51 69.

Party of Social Protection of Georgian

Population (SPGP)

Motto : Nobody without social protection.

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : B. Meladze, L. Nadirashvili, I. Iakobashvili, B. Tsertsvadze, A. Machavariani, J. Oniani, I. Kobakhidze, G. Bitsadze, A. Kapanadze, G. Saralidze, A. Keloshvili, Z. Robakidze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - board (is elected for 4 year term, 21members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1995).

Chairman : Badri Tsertsvadze(1954, Chiatura district), works in Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Georgia. Married, has six children. Address : 12, Chavchavadze St., Tbilisi.

Number of members : 32.516 (active - about 158), 14.284 - women.

The party has a youth organisation (founded in 1996, 1.220 members), 24 regional and 71 district organisations.

Printing Body : the newspaper KHSNA (founded in 1997, is free, when there are finances available).

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 1,6% of votes. Is represented in the parliament by 2 majoritarian MPs.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free and mixed economical systems. Land should be the object of private property only and there should be land market; a law should protect state interests.

2. *Foreign Policy* : the USA and western countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentarian, presidential.

The party supports the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 because of the following reasons :

Self-government bodies as civil persons of public law are not created according to public rule of "Civil Code", at the same time, "Georgian law about self-government" is against "Constitution of Georgia". Therefore, we think that activity of self-government bodies will always be illegal, it is not financed properly.

Address : 18, Rustaveli Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 92 22 52; 52 83 65.

Party "Samshoblo" (Homeland)

Motto : Everywhere and always, Georgia we are with you.

Political direction : own and very special.

Date of foundation : 1989.

First registration : 1995, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : K. Arabuli, R. Ramishvili, M. Kekelia, G. Gachechiladze, M. Gogoberidze, O. Tskhvaradze.

The party initially was named as "Farmers' Union", later as "Mamulis agorszineba" (homeland's revival), from 1995 - "Samshoblo" (homeland).

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (is elected for 4 year, 15 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Omar Tskhvaradze (1944), Comsomol leader in 1989-92. In 1992-95 - Vani Communist Party instructor. Later worked in an instrumental factory as a mechanic. Enterprise "Higiena" - general director.

Number of members : 1.500 (active - 50), 45% - women.

The party has 7 regional and 3 district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1990 parliamentary elections and received 2% of votes and was represented in the Parliament by 1 party list MP.

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections and received 2% of votes and was represented in the Parliament by 1 party list MP.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 0,5% of votes and was represented in the Parliament by 1

majoritarian MP.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : Establishment of a united economic program based on the achievements of socialism and capitalism mixed with Georgian traditions. Private property on land, without the right of land sale. The right of constant property on inherited land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : peaceful coexistence, settlement of all disputes amicably, no violence.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : regional government..

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

Pre-electoral program : election of the most honest and energetic people in the governmental body. Our *motto* is : "The more honest people are in the government, more honest is the society".

Address : Nutsubidze, III m/r. I quartile VII corp. apt. 17, Tbilisi.

Phone : 32 13 34.

People Friendship Party

Information has not been given.

People's Democrat Party of Georgia (PDPG)

Motto : Welfare for everyone.

Political direction : political directions are conditional and change as time passes. There are more or less all directions in the party. Mainly, the party defends interests of middle and poor classes.

Date of foundation : 1995 (under the name "Union of Free Democrats").

First registration : 1996, under the name "Union of Free Democrats"; 1996, under the name "People's Democrat Party of Georgia"; *new registration* : 1997.

Founders : Guram Ustiashvili, Murman Turnava, Manana Ustiashvili, Dali Jgamadze, Zurab Akhvlediani, Ramin Lomsadze and others.

GDPD has separated from the Democrat Party.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 5 years) - central political board - presidium of the board (for 4 year term) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 5 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Guram Ustiashvili (1948), department of economics of TSU, a financier, doctor, and professor, academician. He individually participated in 1990 year elections and received 6% of votes.

Number of members : 6.138 (active - 1.200-1.500), 2.008 - women.

The party has a youth organisation (founded in 1998, 901 members) and 64 district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : democrat economics, social equality, land sale and purchase for a definite term.

2. *Foreign Policy* : good neighbour relations with neighbour countries, usage of possibilities of world strong states for the country interests.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : united whole Georgia, it is possible to create large administrative districts in the limits of the system. Existence of autonomic republics is natural.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary, half presidential.

The party thinks that current government does not have an established political course.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 for the following reason : law is discriminative, as it does not create equal rights for all parties.

Address : 103, Agmashenebeli Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 94 05 80; 95 97 14.

Peoples' Democrat Union – Christian-Democrats

Political direction : right-centrists of European type.

Date of foundation : 1997.

First registration : 1997, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : N. Kirtadze, D. Shvelidze, N. Rekhviashvili, M. Kartoziya, N. Melkadze and others.

The party announced itself as the successor of "Iveria" school and continues the political course initiated from XIX c. 60s by Georgian patriots on the way of independent and democrat Georgia.

Organisational structure : congress (once a year) - main committee (elected for 1 year term, 9 members), chairman - (elected by the congress for 3 year period, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Nestan (Elisabed) Kirtadze, (1960), a politician, TSU assistant professor, twice elected in the Parliament, has a husband and a daughter. Address : Nutsubidze 179, III corp. apt. 20, Tbilisi.

Number of members : 7.677 (majority is active), 1/3 - women.

The party has 4 regional and 4 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper ULO (founded in 1997, weekly).

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free, market. full private property on land.

2. *Foreign policy* : universal Europisation. Political orientation - Western oriented.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : asymmetrical federalism, special status for Abkhazetian autonomy.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party generally supports the course of present government, but considers it is not realised correctly especially in economics, fight against corruption, etc.

The party is not going to participate in the local self-government elections of November 15, 1998 as it does not have sufficient funds, but the party members will individually take part in the election.

Address : 15, Zubalashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 23 43 74; 92 11 69.

Political League of Georgian Highlanders

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1988.

First registration : 1990; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Kh. Gogochuri, P. Piranishvili. The party has partially changed its name. "Union" has been changed into "League".

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration is elected for 4 year term, 11 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Gela Pitskhelauri, (1947), higher technical education. Works at Mtatsminda taxation inspection.

Number of members : 3.000 (active - 1.000), 850 - women.

The party has youth organisation "Young Highlanders Union" (founded in 1990), the party has regional organisations in all regions.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections (in the block with the Party of National Unity) and received 2% of votes. Was represented in the Parliament by 1 party list MP.

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections (the same block) and received 1,8% of votes.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : regulated traditional market economics, all forms of property on land.
2. *Foreign Policy* : equality and respect.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

Address : 5, Balanchivadze St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 79 97 06.

Political Movement "Destiny of Georgia" (DG)

Political direction : national, mainly Georgian style of life has to be revived.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : T. Mdinardze, V. Bochorishvili, M. Machavariani.

The party is a law successor of the party "Society of Nation Revival", illegally abolished because the chairman of the party - Temur Mdinardze has left the parliament.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (is elected for 4 year term, 5 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected on February 12, 1998).

Chairman : Temur Mdinardze(1946), a professor, phone : 38 54 43.

Co-chairmans : Zaur Bedia (1941), a pilot, phone : 73 71 92, Dali Turashvili (1952), an engineer.

Number of members : 1.200 (active - 30).

The party has district organisations.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : creation of a strong Georgian state, where Georgian style of life will be restored, absolute economic independence, and revival of economics. Land should not be sold.

2. *Foreign Policy* : Georgia should be independent state, and should play a role of peace mediator among all religions and states.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : priority of law, territorial wholeness of the state, monarchy is acceptable.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : only monarchy

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995. The reason : local self-government will make legal everything done without people's wish against Georgian statehood, this elections support events, directed against Georgian statehood.

Address : 64, I. Petritsi St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 36 39 69.

Political Movement "Native Land, Lan-

guage, Faith'' (NLLF)

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1993.

First registration : 1993; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Z. Khachidze, S. Makharadze, I. Samkharadze, T. Bolkvadze, N. Kvinikadze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main committee (is elected for 4 year term, 15 members) - city (district) committee - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1995).

Chairman : Zaur Khachidze (1962), graduated from Dnepropetrovsk Politechnical Institute, is an engineer. First deputy chairman of a service in President's submission. Married and a child. Address : 12, Abesadze St., Tbilisi.

Number of members : 10.000 (active - 8.000), 50% - women.

The party has 8 regional and 59 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper MAMULI, ENA, SARTSMUNOEBE (founded in 1994, is issued twice a month, 5.000 copies).

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 1,05% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. Economics : the party fully agrees to the

president's course in economics. Land should be given to a citizen of Georgia with the right of rent-purchase for a definite term.

2. Foreign Policy : the party fully agrees to the president's course in politics.

3. Territorial Arrangement of the state : the party fully agrees to the president's course in territorial arrangement of the state.

4. System Arrangement of the state : the party fully agrees to the president's course in system arrangement of the state.

The party fully supports the course of current government.

The party can not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because it could not properly prepare for the elections, but it's members will participate individually. The party will participate in 1999 parliament and 2.000 presidential elections.

Address : 4, Leselidze St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 61 86 06. *Fax* : 93 38 10.

Political Organisation of Georgian Workers (POGW)

Political direction : communist.

Date of foundation : 1990.

First registration : 1990; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : T. Kantelashvili, I. Jioshvili, M. Tsartsidze, V. Okropiridze, Tatarashvili, R. Tinikashvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 3 years) - central committee (for 3 year term, 11 members) - chairman (is elected by a central committee for 3 year term, last elected in 1996).

Chairman : Tengiz Kantelashvili is a Georgian, from a village Surami, has not been at law.

Number of members : 1.479 (all active), 2 women.

The party has 14 regional and 5 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper Stalineli (founded in 1990, 2.000 copies).

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported J. Patiashvili.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : full activity of all enterprises and giving job to people. Land has to be in state property.

2. *Foreign Policy* : relation and friendship with all socialist states except capitalist ones.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : relation with socialist states in all affairs, except capitalist ones - the party does not recognise them.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : none except socialist.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, as the party consists of bolsheviks and it will never take part in elections in a bourgeois state.

Address : 4, Ertoba St., Gori.

Phone : 2 37 71.

Political Organisation "Mamuli" (POM)

Motto : Native land is the most important.

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1994.

First registration : 1994; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : T. Bobokhidze, K. Okromchedlidze, Z. Petriashvili, K. Chabashvili, R. Gvaradze.

Organisational structure : conference (once every 4 years) - central administration (for 4 year term, 5 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Teimuraz Bobokhidze (1968), an economist, chairman of the following organisations : Society - Freedom of Christian Education and Justice Revival "Mamuli", political organisation "Mamuli", the organisation against corruption.

Number of members : 3.667 (active - 1.470), 60 - women.

The party has a youth section (established in 1995, 600 members); 7 regional and 36 district organisations.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : state, private and mixed property;

50% should be given in a private property.

2. *Foreign Policy* : no interference in home affairs of other states, sovereignty, equal rights and collaboration.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : decentralised unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party partially (in peaceful restore of territorial wholeness) supports the course of current government.

Address : 19, Tsromi St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 96 29 34.

Political Organisation – Society of Ketevan the Martyr (SKM)

Political direction : orthodox religious-political.

Date of foundation : 1996.

First registration : 1996; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : I. Chiladze, L. Meladse, I. Sharikadze, L. Tavelurashvili, D. Tsakadze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 3 years) - central administration (for 3 year term, 12 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 3 year term, last elected in 1996).

Chairman : Isolda Chiladze (1951, Bagdadi district) an economist, Ph.D. Assistant professor at the chair of audit, TSU.

Number of members : 1.600 (active - 400), 950 women.

The party has a youth organisation, a regional

and 15 district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : local production, agriculture, and energetic, private property on land for Georgian citizens only.

2. *Foreign Policy* : neutral, having own national-traditional course.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential (it is necessary for a president to be of orthodox faith).

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because of a weak organisational structure.

Address : 4, Akopiani St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 98 64 26.

Political Union "Intellectual Movement" (PUIM)

Motto : Social justice, work, and welfare.

Date of foundation : 1996.

First registration : 1996; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Z. Tsertsvadze, N. Kuchuashvili, I. kandareli.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main committee (for 4 year term, 25 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1996).

Chairman : Zaur Tsertsvadze (1941, Chiatura), graduated from department of construction of Tbilisi Politechnical Institution. Had responsible positions at construction, agriculture, trade ministries. Delivers lectures for chair of engineering graphics in Tbilisi Politechnical Institution. In 1987 joined national movement, was a regional manager of "People's Front", founder of a party : "Native Land, Language, Religion", a chairman in organisational affairs of party "Motherland". Married, has two children.

Number of members : 300 (active - 100), 200 - women.

The party has 25 district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : social orientation, state property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : friendly relations with all countries.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : four provinces : East Georgia - centre - Rustavi, West Georgia - centre Kutaisi, Ajara - centre Batumi, Abkhazeti - centre Sokhumi.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentarian.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995, because city mayors and heads of administrations are not elected by a general ballot.

Address : 13 corp., Vazisubani I micro-district, Tbilisi.

Phone : 79 97 88.

Political Union "Georgian Union of Realists" (GUR)

Motto : Our deeds speak for us.

Political direction : right-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1996.

First registration : 1997; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : G. Bratulich, O. Gulisashvili, G. Esakia, N. Jijeishvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - political board (is elected for 2 year term, 13 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : George Bratulich, (1961 in Dusheti), a journalist. Graduated from Tbilisi International Institute of Informational systems, department - law studies. Address : IV m/r, Nutsubidze, apt. 302.

Number of members : 11.000 (active - 5.400), 4.950 - women.

The party has youth organisation (founded on April 14, 1997, 2500 members, the party has 9 regional and 49 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper REALIST (from 1998, monthly, 300 copies).

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : re-structurisation of middle class. Private property on land.
2. *Foreign Policy* : balanced.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : strong presidential.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Address : 106, Vazha Pshavela Ave., Tbilisi.

Phone : 30 29 87.

Political Union – Society of Konstantine Gamsakhurdia (SKG)

Date of foundation : 1992.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : M. Machavariani, E. Djavelidze, En. Nijharadze, T. Vashadze, S. Sigua, A. Azralava, V. Bochorishvili.

Organisational structure : conference (once every 4 years) - presidium, political board (is elected for 4 year term, 32 members) - chairman (is elected by a conference for 4 year term, last elected in 1996).

Chairman : Vakhtang Bochorishvili (1924), in 1951 graduated from Kharkov Medical Institute; 1968 - Ph.D.; 1970-1973 - a minister of Health of Georgia; 1996 - a real member of Medical Science Academy of Georgia; Married and two daughters.

Number of members : 6.000 (active - 1.000), 15% - women.

The party has 2 regional and 46 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspapers KOLKHURI KOSHKI, GRAALI, ERTIANI SAKARTVELO, the journal DIDOSTATI (all are temporary stopped because of lack of finances).

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : the party is based on civilised modern market economics, but opposes blind usage of other states' models. Everything should be adjusted to Georgian nature and traditions. The party strictly opposes land sale in current political and demographic conditions. Careful treatment of these issues is necessary in future as well.

2. *Foreign Policy* : economic region of Caucasus states for close and inter-advantageous co-operation.

5. *Interethnic relations* : all non-Georgians should become citizens of Georgia, the patriots of the country, active participants of its cultural and political life.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Address : 11, Kavlashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 98 95 94; 33 34 00.

Political Union "Support"

Political direction : right-centrist.

Date of foundation : 1994.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : T. Kalandadze, G. Lominadze, A. Tavartkiladze, G. Kalandia, J. Tsulaia.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main committee (is elected for 4 year term, 11 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Tengiz Kalandadze (1940, Abasha) an engineer-metallurgist, chairman of the "Georgian Metal" control board, MP in 1992-1995.

Number of members : 5.500 (active - 100), 1.236 - women.

The party has 4 regional and 16 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper TANADGOMA (monthly, 2.000 copies).

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 2,16% of votes. Is represented in the parliament by 3 majoritarian MPs.

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : restore of territorial wholeness of the state, found market economics, and join European structures.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : development of market economics, acceleration of reforms, private

property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : integration in European structures.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federation

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential republic.

The party supports the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 because of structural changes inside the party.

Address : 2, Dzmebi Zubalashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 22 50 42.

Progressive Party of Georgia (PPG)

Motto : Progress and Democracy.

Political direction : progressivism.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1995; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : V. Jhgenti, I. Toliashvili, N. Kentchurashvili, M. Kutelia.

The party is founded on the basis of illegal, underground organisation "Revival of National Self-consciousness" (1971-1980).

Organisational structure : congress (once every two years) - main committee (for a year term, 12 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 2 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Vajha Jhgenti (1938), in 1956 was

expelled from comsomol and in 1957 from higher education institution. In 1971 he founded underground organisation - "Revival of National Self-consciousness". In 1980 he was imprisoned in Perm (Russia) for 9 years. In 1995 he was elected chairman of PPG. Address : 8, 21st micro district, Rustavi.

Number of members : 1.735 (active - 156), 626 - women.

The party has 6 regional and about 11 district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1995 elections and received 1,6% of votes. Has no representative in parliament.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported E. Shevardnadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : submission of economics to the state, manageable market economics. Land has to be in state control.

2. *Foreign Policy* : stable, neutral state.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : to maintain old district division, but in transitional period it is possible to have regional division, in concordance to national interests.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : harmonic merge of presidential and parliamentary systems.

The party supports the course of current government in foreign policy, but not in - home and economical ones.

The party is registered in CEC.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 because of lack of finances.

Address : 4^a, Tskneti St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 23 25 75.

Republican Party of Georgia

Political direction : neo-conservatism, right-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1978.

First registration : 1990, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : V. Dzabiradze, V. Shonia, L. Berdzenishvili, P. Jajanidze, D. Berdzenishvili, A. Zhgheria.

Organisational structure : congress (once a year) - National Committee (elected for 1 year, 10 members) - chairman (elected by national committee, last elected in 1996).

Chairman : Ivliane Khaindrava (1951), a chemist, translator-referent. 1973-1989 - a system of Georgian Academy of Sciences. 1990 - a member of National Congress Presidium. 1992-1995 - MP of the Georgian Parliament. Since 1991 - a member of Republican Party. Address : 22, S. Chikovani St., Tbilisi, phone : 36 41 34.

Number of members : 13.000 (several hundreds are active), 50% - women.

The party has 1 regional and 28 district organisations.

The party participated in 1990 parliamentary elections (block "Democrat Georgia") and received

2% of votes. Was represented by 3 majoritarian MPs.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. (block "11 October"). received 16% of votes (Tbilisi) and 18% (Ajara). Was represented in the Parliament by 10 party list MPs.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections. received less than 2% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported A. Bakradze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : creation of free business environment with low taxation system and other mechanisms. Private property on land in every region.

2. *Foreign Policy* : integration into Euro-Atlantic area.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : asymmetrical regionalism.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

The party more or less supports the present governmental policy only in foreign one; the party fully rejects all other directions.

The party does not to take part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998, because the following : 1. the self-government is not elected, but a few new (or old) members of district nomenclature; 2. bad electoral regulations; 3. it is not worth of taking part in elections.

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Revived Communist Party of Georgia (RCPG)

Political direction : lefts-socialist.

Date of foundation : 1920.

First registration : 1997; *new registration* : 1998.

The party is a law successor of Georgian Communist Party (1920).

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - central committee (is elected for 2 year term, 103 members) - chairman (is elected by a central committee for 2 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Shalva Berianidze (1924), a teacher, a member of the central committee of Georgian Communist Party since 1965, first secretary of Gori City committee, head of a department of central committee of Communist party of Georgia.

Number of members : 15.00 (active - 850), 1.315 - women.

The party has 4 regional and 23 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper TSKHOVREBA (from 1997, twice a month, 500 copies).

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : variety of property. State regulating role in the branches of strategic direction. State, community, and private property on land. Course towards developing of large economies.

2. *Foreign Policy* : active neutrality.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal in some cases, mainly a district division principle.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential, at the same time strong executive body, government cabinet.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 because it is not ready.

Address : 15th, Tamarashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 39 55 86.

Royal League of Georgia (RLG)

Motto : God, King, and Native land.

Political direction : rights.

Date of foundation : 1995.

First registration : 1997; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : D. Pavlenishvili, I. Pavlenishvili, B. Pkhaladze, Z. Batiashvili, M. Museridze, Z. Taktakishvili, N. Mgvdeladze, T. Neparidze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 3 years) - a board (for 3 year term, 13 members) - meurve [trustee] (is elected for 3 year term, last

elected in 1997).

Meurve [trustee] : David Pavlenishvili (1943), a geologist, Married, has two sons; is a member of "Round Table" - Free Georgia.

Number of members : 1350 (active - 120), 40% - women.

The party has 6 regional and 26 district organisations.

The party has declared active boycott to 1995 presidential and parliamentary elections.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : market economics, restoration of traditional national forms of economy. Private property on land; taking into account state interests.

2. *Foreign Policy* : relations with all democrat, rightful, independent countries according to international law norms.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : royal power.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not participate in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 because of non-democrat election law and break of election law in advance.

Address : 21, Chubinashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 95 14 98.

Social-Democrat Party of Georgia (SDPG)

Political direction : Left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1893.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : G. Muchaidze, J. Kakhniashvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - central committee (for 2 year term, 65 members) - political board (21 members) - chairman (is elected by a committee for 2 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Jermal Kakhniashvili (1940), an economist. 1977-1978 studied in doctorate of Paris Economics and Jurisprudence Institute. 1980 - graduated from Tbilisi Foreign Languages Pedagogical Institute, Ph.D. in economics. A rector of Market economics and Law institute, Tbilisi.

Number of members : 2.800 (active - 280), 40% - women.

The party has a youth organisation (leader Z. Shonia) and 7 regional organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper ERTOBA (since 1918, now - monthly, 1.000 copies).

The party is united in Socialist International; status : a permanent guest.

The party participated in 1990 parliamentary elections.

The party participated in 1992 parliamentary elections, received 2% of votes, had 2 party list MPs).

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections (in a block with the United Communist

Party, received 4,9% of votes).

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported P. Giorgadze.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : coexistence of variety of property, active interference of the state in economics. State should support distribution of land in private property.

2. *Foreign Policy* : peaceful coexistence, active neutrality.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary, giving cultural autonomies to ethnic minorities.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential, parliamentary.

The party is in loyal opposition of the course of current government.

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Society of Saint Iliia the Righteous (SSIR)

Motto : Native Land, Language, Religion.

Political direction : nationalists.

Date of foundation : 1998.

First registration : 1990; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Merab Kostava, Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (is elected for 4 year term, 6 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Vakhtang Tsagareishvili (1943 in

Zestaponi), in 1966 graduated from Department of mathematics TSU. Assistant professor of chair of general mathematics TSU. Has three children.

Number of members : 1.400, 60% - women.

The party has regional and district organisations.

The party participated in 1990 parliament elections (block - "Round Table - Free Georgia", received about 54% of votes).

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : free.
2. *Foreign Policy* : Caucasian confederation.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party does not support the course of current government.

Address : 13, Paolo Iashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 92 03 18.

Union of Christian and Moslem Democrats

Information has not been received.

The Union of Georgian Highlanders

Political direction : Iberian-Caucasian.

Date of foundation : 1990.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : D. Kadagidze and his friends.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (is elected for 4 year

term, 7 - 11 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1995).

Chairman : David Kadagidze, Graduated from TSU, department of western-European languages and literature (English department), 1964 - present works at TSU as a lecturer of English language. In 1962-1963 worked in Nepal at the Embassy. In 1992-1995 member of the Georgian Parliament.

Number of members : 1.078 (active - majority), many women.

The party has several regional and district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. Was represented in the Parliament by 1 party list MP.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections. (in the block "Movement for Life").

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported J. Patiashvili.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : mixed. Private property on land (sale and purchase is inadmissible).
2. *Foreign Policy* : Georgia is an integral part of the Caucasus.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary Georgian without provinces.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

The party does not support the course of current

government.

The party does not take part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998 because everything is decided beforehand and all data will be false.

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Phone : 22 54 30; 23 37 99.

Union of Georgian Nationalists

Motto : Georgia and Georgians in the first place.

Political direction : third way-nationalism.

Date of foundation : 1991.

First registration : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : K. Chichinadze, L. Giorgadze, K. Tikaradze, G. Mamaladze.

"Union of Georgian Renaissance" has joined Union of Georgian Nationalists. At one stage the party had both names. "Union" is a law successor of emigrant organisation "Tetri Giorgi" (White George).

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - administration (is elected for 4 year term, 6 members) - chief (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chief : Gaoz (Gia) Mamaladze (1964), a philologist. The former chairman of the students' sub-commission of the 9 April Commission. Former member of Didube district administration. Former member of National Union of Georgian Students. Address : kvartal 2, korp. 14, apt. 39,

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Digomi.

Number of members : 1.600 (active - 600). Sufficient number of women.

The party has youth organisation - Union of Young Nationalists (founded in 1995, up to 100 members), the party has 7 regional and many district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper NATSIONALISTI (founded in 1992, non periodical).

The party members participated in 1990 parliamentary elections as majoritarian candidates.

The party members participated in 1995 parliamentary elections with in the block "XXI century - United Georgia".

Pre-electoral program priorities in 1995 elections : nationalism.

In the 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : development of traditional agricultural sector. Priority of national industry. The land should be inherited but not sold.

2. *Foreign Policy* : establishment of United Caucasian Region. (Confederate united state), priority of continental orientation.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : unitary.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary (constitutional monarchy is also possible).

The party does not support the course of current government.

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The party is rejected to be registered in CEC and is not taking part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998.

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Union of Intelligentsia of Georgia (UIG)

Political direction : lefts.

Date of foundation : 1997.

First registration : 1997; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : K. Tabukashvili, J. Bichiashvili, Kh. Iremashvili, N. Sulamanidze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - main committee and political bureau (is elected for 4 year term, 25 members) - chairman (is elected by a congress for 4 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Karlo Tabukashvili (1925, Tbilisi), an engineer, professor, real member of Engineers' International Academy, ex-vice-president of Engineers' Academy, academician-secretary of the department. *Address* : 41, Tabidze St., Tbilisi, phone : 22 69 93.

Number of members : 1.700 (active - 300), 225 -

women.

The party has a youth organisation - Young Intelligentsia Union of Georgia (founded on February 20, 1998, 260 members).

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : realisation of economic reforms through convergence of capitalism and socialism and development of socially oriented market economics, private property on land, without right of sale and purchase in transitional period. Land of cities and borderline should be in state property.

2. *Foreign Policy* : creation of the union from former Soviet Union Republics like European Union.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal on this stage.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party partially supports the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 because of the weak electoral law.

Address : 41, G. Tabidze St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 22 69 93.

Union of Justice Restoration - "Khma Erisa" (Voice of Nation)

Motto : Voice of Lord - voice of Nation.

Political direction : right-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1992.

First registered : 1992; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : M. Saluashvili, B. Shervelashvili, S. Palavandishvili, T. Goksadze, T. Lobjhanidze, S. Bakhturidze, K. Makhaouri, R. Tokhivadze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - darbazi (is elected for 4 year term, 9 members) - chairman (elected for 4 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Michael, (Gela) Saluashvili, (1958), Ph.D. in technical sciences. Author of 1 monograph, 23 teaching manuals, 60 scientific works, author of 14 inventions. Member of Iliia Chavchavadze Society from 1998. Member of "Peoples' Front" from the foundation date. Member of Radical Union - National Front, which is united in Round Table - Free Georgia. Saburtalo district administration secretary from 1991. Speaker of National "Laskari" of political Organisation "Zviadi Path - Voice of Nation".

Number of members : 1.334 (all active), 43% - women.

The party has 9 regional and 52 district organisations.

Printing body : the newspaper ARCHEVANI [choice] (is issued from February 26, 1993, once every two weeks, 1.000-2.000 copies).

The party individually participated in the parliamentary elections of 1992, received 71.095 of votes.

The party participated in the parliamentary elections of 1995. In the block "Zviadi Path - Voice of Nation", together with the party - "Reno-

vation". Received 1,2% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party did not support any candidate.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : market economics, mixed (private and state) property on land.
2. *Foreign Policy* : establishment of united "Caucasian House".
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : regional division within the unitary state.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential rule based on theocratic principles.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party is not going to take part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998, because of anti-democrat character of electoral law.

Address : 39, Chitaia St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 95 62 31.

Union of Pensioners Rights Protection of Georgia (UPRPG)

Political direction : left-centrists

Date of foundation : 1997.

First registration : 1997; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : I. Natsvlishvili, L. Gvenetadze, M. Chachiashvili, R. Karchkhadze, G. Shengelia, R. Chinchaladze.

Organisational structure : congress (once every

4 years) - main committee (is elected for 4 year term, 11 members) - chairman (is elected by a main committee for 4 year term, last elected in 1997).

Chairman : Irakli Natsvlishvili (1949), in 1980 graduated from Soviet Union Communication Institute, in 1984 - from higher school of Communist Party, major - philosophy. In 1976 became a Soviet Union champion in rugby. Worked at Television and Radio Committee of Georgia. Senior engineer of electronic computing machines works - "Elva". Has taken part in battles for United Georgia, namely : deputy-head of 51 battalion in Dali canyon; Married and two children.

Number of members : more than 3.200 (active - 250-300), 40% - women.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : development of small and medium business, state control on large strategic enterprises, private property on land.
2. *Foreign Policy* : friendly relations with all countries.
3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federation on a beginning stage, then - united state.
4. *System Arrangement of the state* : strong parliamentary, limited presidential.

The party does not support current government course.

The party can not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 for the following reason : it is impossible to present the

party list without falsification, there is also a financial reason : the party is not financed from Government.

Address : 5, Tabukashvili St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 30 74 96.

Union of Social-Democrats of Georgia (US-DG)

Political direction : left-centrists.

Date of foundation : 1995 as "Movement of Georgian Citizens for Life".

First registration : 1997; *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : Z. Toloraia, K. Dzneldze, T. Dvali, M. Beradze, P. Nadareishvili, G. Mestiashvili, K. Nikobadze, A. Ckhaidze, D. Kintsurashvili.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 4 years) - main committee (is elected for 4 year term, 7 members) - chairman (is elected by a conference for 4 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Zurab Toloraia (1952), from 1989 has actively participated in the national movement. Married and a son. Address : Tbilisi, 10^b quartile, corpus 3, apt. 44 Temka.

Number of members : 1.500 (active - 75), 40% - women.

The party has 6 regional and 15 district organisations.

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections (in the block with Highlanders Union) and received 1,51% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported J. Patiashvili.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : socially oriented market economics, development of middle class, support of small and medium producers, development and protection of national industry. Land is a state property, it can be given to a citizen with the right of possession and usage, right of inheritance, but not - sale.

2. *Foreign Policy* : active neutrality. Friendly relations with all states.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : in fact, Georgia is a federal state, strong regions with strong centre are needed.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliament republic, with limited presidential rule.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party does not take part in the local self-government elections of 15 November 1995 because of the following reasons : the party does not agree to the law of local self-government, the law is not democrat. Mayors and heads of local administrations are appointed, CEC is formed by non-democrat principle. The party suffers lack of sources. The party prepares for Parliament elections.

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Phone : 60 36 64.

United Communist Party of Georgia

Political direction : lefts.

Date of foundation : 1992.

First registration : 1992, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : P. Giorgadze, V. Makharadze

The party is a law successor of the Communist Party of Georgia, prohibited in 1991 in Gamsakhurdia regime period.

Organisational structure : congress (once every 2 years) - central committee (75 members) - bureau (15 members) - first secretary of central committee.

Number of members : 82.000.

The party has a youth organisation - I. B. Stalin komsomol, 11 regional and 70 district organisations.

Printing Body : the newspaper KOMUNISTI.

The party individually participated in 1992 parliamentary elections. Was represented in the Parliament by 4 party list MPs.

The party participated in 1995 parliamentary elections (in block with Social-Democrats) and received 4,77% of votes.

In 1995 presidential elections the party supported J. Patiashvili.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES :

1. *Economics* : state-social, co-operative, personal. Land in state property.

2. *Foreign Policy* : friendly relations with all countries, priority of close economic co-operation with former Soviet Union Republics.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : the same territorial arrangement as in former Soviet Socialist Republic.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : parliamentary.

Address : 7, Shartava St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 38 87 86.

United Party of Poor' Protection

Political direction : democrat.

Date of foundation : 1998.

Registration : 1998.

Founders : D. Zeikidze, D. Zaridze, V. Turashvili, N. Sharvashidze, V. Dokvadze, G. Nazarbegov.

Organisational structure : congress (once a year) - administration (is elected for 2 year term, 15 members) - chairman (elected for 2 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : David Zeikidze (1945, Mtskheta distr. village Mukhrani), a lawyer, General-Major, MP. Married and tree children.

Number of members : 6.000 (active - 3.000), 2.500 - women.

The party has youth organisation - Youth Union of the United Party of Poor' Protection. Founded in 1998.

The party has 10 regional and 10 district organisations.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITIES

1. *Economics* : French model, private and state property. Private property on land.

2. *Foreign Policy* : equal and peaceful partnership.

3. *Territorial Arrangement of the state* : federal.

4. *System Arrangement of the state* : presidential.

The party does not support the course of current government.

The party is registered in the CEC but does not take part in self-governmental elections of November 15, 1998, as it is recently established.

Address : 14, Kostava St., Tbilisi.

Phone : 99 76 69.

Women's Protection Union

Motto : Our strength is in our unity.

Political direction : centrists.

Date of foundation : 1994.

First registration : 1995, *new registration* : 1998.

Founders : N. Gvalia, L. Kuparashvili, G. Chikovani, E. Getsadze.

The party is legal successor of "Georgian Women's Union".

Organisational structure : congress (once every 3 years) - administration (is elected for 3 years, 7 members) - chairman (elected for 3 year term, last elected in 1998).

Chairman : Nargizi Gvalia, Ph.D. in technical sciences. 1990-1993 - chairman of Kvemo Kartli

branch of demographic Society. Head of the department of the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations. Academician in Business Sciences. Professor of the Institute of Engineering-Economics. Married, 2 children and grandchildren. Address : 75^b, Chavchavadze Ave., apt. 16, phone : 23 42 48; 29 48 77.

Number of members : 2.050 (active - 500).

The party has 30 district organisations.

The party individually participated in 1995 parliamentary elections and received 0,97% of votes.

MAIN PROGRAM PRIORITY

1. *Economics* : social market economics.

The party is not going to take part in 1998 self-government elections, because of the following reasons : 1. The population of Georgia is not ready to take part in democrat, free and fair elections; 2. financial conditions - no support from the state.

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SECTION III

The Role of Women in the Political Parties of Georgia

While working on this party directory we have attempted to determine the level of women's participation in the political parties of Georgia. There is currently no research available on the subject of women in Georgian politics. In order to gather information on the role of women, we developed a list of specific questions and made them a part of the questionnaire that we submitted to the parties.

After reviewing the responses from the parties, we determined the following :

- ◊ Some parties failed to respond to the section of the questionnaire concerning women.
- ◊ In responding, the parties mainly had difficulties providing the exact number of women members. They noted that they did not keep records of their members by gender and therefore, the exact number of women members is not available. However, most parties estimated the number of women in their organization. Generally, the most

typical answer to the question: "how many women are there in your party?", was one-third, nearly 20 parties gave that same response.

- There are three parties with the highest percentage of women members; the Christian-Conservative Party of Georgia, Society of Saint Iliia the Righteous and Society of Ketevan the Martyr, all three claim 60% female membership. The party with the least percentage of women in their party was the Athletes Union of Georgia, about 0-5% of their organization is made up of women. Finally, the average number of women members of all parties responding is 28%.

The percentage of women participating in the central governing bodies of their parties is about 9%. Only four parties have women leaders :

- *National-Democrat Party* – Irina Sarishvili-Chanturia;
- *People's Democrat Union / Christian Democrats* – Nestan Kirtadze;
- *Society of Ketevan the Martyr* – Isolda Chiladze;
- *Union of Women Protection* – Nargisi Gvalia.

Responses to the question : "Do you take into account women's problems while developing your party's pre-electoral program?", might be organized in several groups :

- ! Ten parties directly pointed out that, while developing and elaborating their programs, they do not pay attention to women's problems.
- ! Six parties simply answer that, while they do take into account women's issues, they do not state concretely, what specific problems they would address.
- ! Four parties do not regard women's issues as a serious problem, due to the other major problems in Georgia today. For example, "human rights are absolutely broken in Georgia, men and women are equally vulnerable and have no rights. Discussing women's issues separately would be absurd today"; and "the share of social-economical problems in Georgia is so high, that stressing women's problems is nonsense at this stage".
- ! Seven parties declared that they do not acknowledge issue differences between men and women, and therefore, do not separate out women's issues. Therefore they, "take into account women's problems to the extent to which they are citizens of Georgia". These

parties consider women's problems in general, in the context of rights, freedom, obligations and responsibility of a human being and a citizen.

- ! Twenty one parties have concretely named women's problems while developing pre-electoral programs. Among those; protection of women's rights, improvement of women's working conditions, women's employment, improvement of women's social conditions, support of mothers with many children and single mothers. The most frequently named issue is support of a woman as a mother. Some typical examples, "proper conditions should be created for a woman as a main means of national reproduction"; and "continuation of traditions of a woman as a symbol of a Georgian family".
- ! The remaining parties did not answer this question at all.

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