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The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and in reference to its Verbal Note, dated 5 April 2012 has the honour to transmit herewith the information for the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding adequate housing according to the General Assembly Resolutions 6/27 and 15/8.

The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Information for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding adequate housing according to the General Assembly Resolutions 6/27 and 15/8

Policies and programmes aiming to enable access to homeownership and/or other affordable housing by the poorest segments of society

Since 1992 Georgia has conducted the privatization of state property. The ownership of the living spaces was transferred to private owners.

Privatization is one of the durable housing solutions foreseen by the Government under its Action Plan for the implementation of the State Strategy on IDPs as well. Various housing programmes are carried out within the framework of the “Action Plan for the implementation of the State Strategy on IDPs from the occupied regions of Georgia 2012-2014”. Some of the beneficiaries of these projects are living below the poverty line.

Since January 2009, the Government of Georgia has carried out the process of transferring ownership of IDP living units in Collective Centers (CCs) with the aim to provide IDPs with durable housing solutions. This process was governed by the order #47 of February 2, 2007 on “Adoption of the State strategy on IDPs”; order #403 of May 28, 2009 on “Action Plan for Implementing the State Strategy on IDPs in 2009-2012”, and the Georgian Law on “State Owned Property”. Based on the above-mentioned documents the Presidential decree #62 (2 February 2009) on ‘Privatization through direct sale of State Owned Property of the Tbilisi Self Governing Entity’ was adopted. According to the mentioned decree, the immovable state property was transferred to IDPs through direct sale for the symbolic price of 1 GEL.

For the purpose of ensuring the IDPs of Georgia with the long-term housing, with the support of donors, the Government of Georgia has provided the IDPs with: the housing space in the renovated settlements, in the newly built blocks in the villages or with the financial support to procure houses. Overall, 32% of the IDP population is provided with long-term housing solutions.

In addition, in 2009-2010 the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Protection within the framework of the budgetary allocations implemented a project: “Social housing in the favourable

environment,” which aimed at providing the socially vulnerable and homeless population, including IDPs, with the sustainable housing conditions.

Moreover, the following is exempt from taxation in accordance to the Article 82 (1) (Ts) of the Tax Code of Georgia: The property procured by the socially vulnerable population registered in the relevant database (the persons who receive social aid in accordance with the relevant programmes); property procured by the persons mutilated during the fight for Georgia’s territorial integrity; the property given at no cost by the Charities to the families of persons, who died during the fight for Georgia’s territorial integrity.

Furthermore, the property procured by the IDPs with the symbolic price of 1 GEL through privatization is exempt from taxation in accordance with the Article 82 (1) (N) of the Tax Code of Georgia.