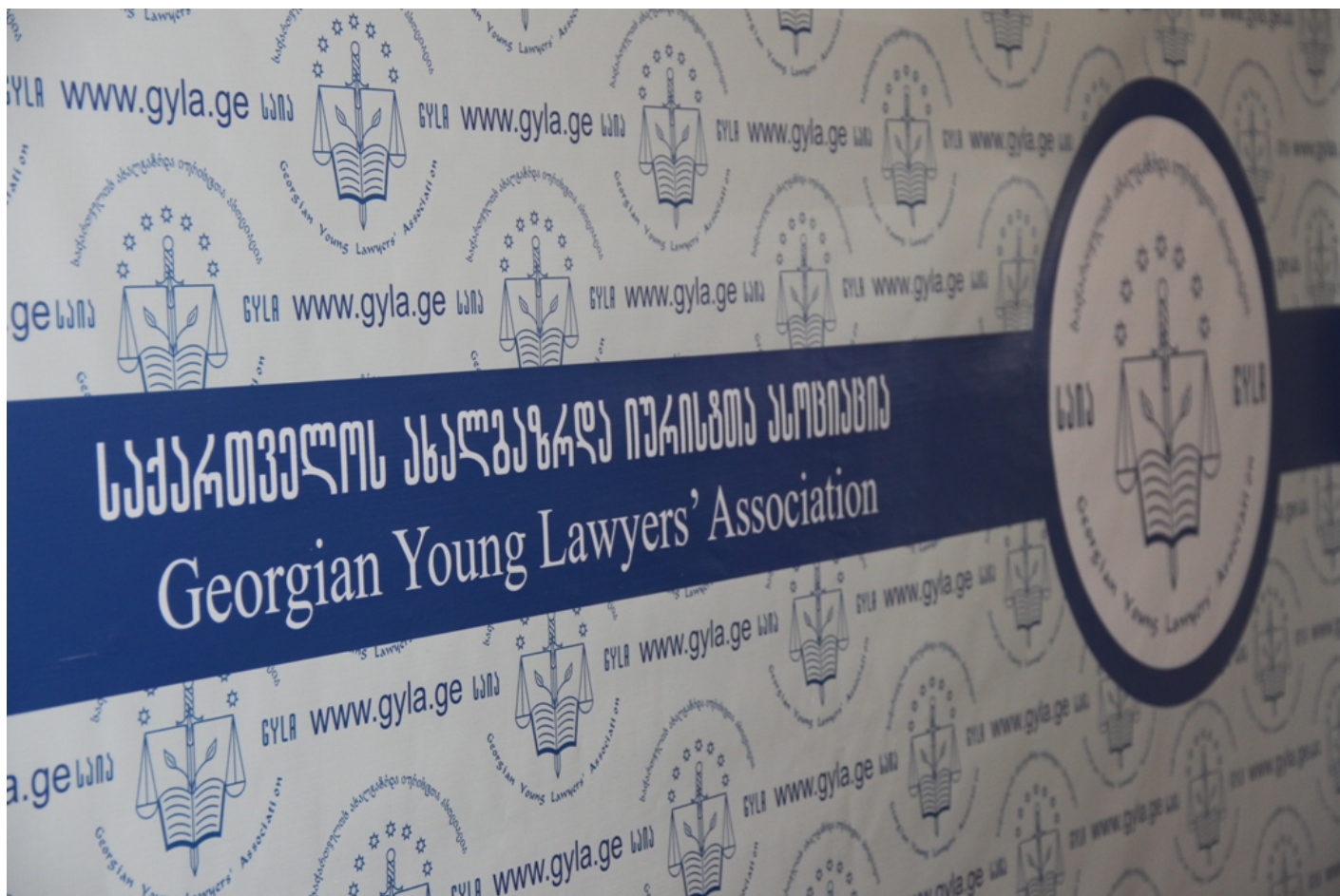


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## Georgian Elections 2017: FAQ about Independent Candidates

Registration of majoritarian candidates for membership of municipal councils and of mayoral candidates of self-governing cities/communities nominated by initiative groups of voters

By the decision of April 14, 2016,<sup>1</sup> the Plenum of the Constitutional Court of Georgia granted the complaint of the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association and the International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy<sup>2</sup>, allowing non-partisan persons to run in gamgebeli/mayoral elections on the basis of nomination by initiative groups of citizens.

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> What is an initiative group?

- An initiative group is an electoral subject composed of not fewer than five members which is entitled to nominate a majoritarian candidate for the elections of a representative body of a municipality – municipal council – and a mayoral candidate for the elections of the mayor of a self-governing city/community. An initiative group is entitled to nominate only one candidate. A member of an initiative group may not simultaneously be a member of another initiative group of voters.

> Who are independent candidates?

- An independent candidate is an electoral subject who has been nominated as a mayoral/majoritarian candidate by an initiative group.

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