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## Presentation of Special Report of GYLA and Public Defender

On 4 June 2014, Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA) and the Public Defender of Georgia held a joint conference on the effective investigation of alleged crimes committed by law enforcement officials. One of the most important recommendations of this event was an inevitability of creation of independent investigative body.

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At the conference, The Georgian Young Lawyers' Association has presented a research about the various models of independent investigative bodies of different countries.

The Public Defender of Georgia has presented a special report concerning the alleged crimes committed by law enforcement officials for 2013, regulations and international standards on effective investigation.

After the presentation of this report, the representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office of Georgia, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Corrections and Legal Assistance of Georgia have expressed their opinion on the creation of independent investigate body. According to their point of view, there is no necessity of creation of independent investigative body and refinement of existing legislation should suffice to insure effective investigation of alleged crimes committed by law-enforcement officials.

The panelist of the conference Manana Kobakhidze, the First Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia who has supported an idea of establishment of independent investigative body and has underscored the importance of commencement of dialogue among various stake-holders as to elaborate the most appropriate mechanism specifically aligned with Georgian context.

The conference was welcomed by Thomas Hammarberg, EU Special Advisor on Legal and Constitutional Reforms and Human Rights in Georgia, who has underlined the inevitability of implementation of reforms to ensure that all cases of alleged crimes committed by policemen are investigated in quick, adequate and effective manner without jeopardizing public interests.

At the conference, Caterina Bolognese, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Georgia has supported also to the idea of creation of appropriate mechanism for effective investigation of alleged crimes committed by law enforcement officials.