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GYLA and ISFED consider the decision of the Anti-Corruption Bureau to be unlawful

The Georgian Young Lawyers | Association (GYLA) and the International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) express their views on the Anti-Corruption Bureau's decision made on September 24 to declare Transparency International Georgia and its Executive Director, Eka Gigauri, as well as the organization Choose Europe, its director Khatuna Lagazidze and co-founders, as entities with "a declared electoral $\square \blacksquare \forall \square$ GYLA and ISFED consider the Anti-Corruption Bureau's decision to be unlawful since it does not align with the definition of the concept of a person with a declared electoral goal as outlined in the Law of Georgia "On Political Associations of Citizens." Furthermore, this interpretation of the law establishes а dangerous precedent for it to used be to disproportionately restrict freedom of speech and expression.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau is authorized to extend the restrictions established by the Organic Law of Georgia "On Political Associations of Citizens" to other persons within the scope of monitoring only if such preconditions exist.

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By its decision of September 24, the Anti-Corruption Bureau interpreted the standard established by the legislation in a manner unjustifiably broad and inconsistent with the law, relying on the unreasonable [______] by the Tbilisi Court of Appeals just days earlier which determined that the work of the organization Choose Europe fell under the definition of "a declared electoral goal." Notably, the court did not [______] the issue of the organization's declaration to attain public authority through participation in elections in its decision, which is a crucial element for classifying it as an entity with a "declared electoral goal."

According to GYLA and ISFED, the arbitrary and incorrect interpretation by the Anti-Corruption Bureau and the Tbilisi Court of Appeals of the concept of "a declared electoral goal,", as clearly established in Georgian legislation, may serve as a tool for restricting the activities of civil movements (civil activism) and freedom of expression.

GYLA and ISFED call on the Anti-Corruption Bureau to revoke the aforementioned decisions, cease the arbitrary []]] the law, and operate within its established mandate.

1 Article 2015, first paragraph, subparagraph "h" of the Law of Georgia "on Fight against Corruption".

2 Articles 71 and 261 of the Organic Law of Georgia "On Political Associations of Citizens."