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Mr. Irakli Shotadze Prosecutor General of Georgia Tbilisi, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Shotadze,

On behalf of the International Association of Prosecutors, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations on your election as Prosecutor General of Georgia. We believe this is a result of your high professionalism, integrity and efforts which have brought the Georgian Prosecution Service and the Georgian criminal justice system to a higher level. Perhaps, we should say re-election, because during your past tenure as (at that time called) Chief Prosecutor of Georgia we already experienced your professional skills.

Allow us to consider your re-election as one of the preconditions for the sustained development of the Georgian Prosecutor's Office and of those legal and institutional reforms implemented under your leadership, aimed at enhancing independence and efficiency of the Prosecutor's Office.

No doubt, the IAP's organisational membership has played a role in this development by way of the international support that our network of prosecutors offers you. Stemming from the above mentioned, we further believe in your continued efforts for the professional development of your Office, also reinforced by the cooperation between your Office and our Association.

In this regard, allow me to highlight the 8th IAP Eastern European and Central Asian Regional Conference, hosted in Georgia in 2017. In addition, the secondment of the employee of the Prosecutor's Office to the IAP Secretariat and the nomination of one of the high officials of your Office as a member of the IAP Executive Committee should be seen as dedication to promoting the IAP principles in your region.

Even more to note, is the initiative of the Georgian Prosecutor's Office in 2018 by hosting the 26th IAP Annual Conference and General Meeting, in Georgia, in 2021, which was gladly considered and authorised by the Executive Committee. We are very pleased that this most significant IAP event will take place during your term in office, as we trust that this conference will serve as a unique opportunity for the international community of prosecutors to enhance their professional capacities and enjoying Georgian hospitality.

Let us wish you success in assuming your highly important responsibilities and assure the Georgian Prosecutor's Office of IAP's readiness for future support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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