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is the first independent professional center in the explosive region of Caucasia totally devoted to the studies on, mediation in, constructive transformation and peaceful resolution of the ethnic, religious and social conflict.

ICCN is developing collaboration with leading domestic and international academic institutions and NGOs in order to promote studies of the painful problems of post-totalitarian transition, democratization and ethnic conciliation in the post-Soviet space.

## **International Center on Conflict and Negotiation**



**International Center on Conflict and Negotiation (ICCN)** is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental and non-partisan research and training center, legally registered in 1994 in the Republic of Georgia (Registration Certificate #1755 issued by the Ministry of Jus-tice). Its main **objectives** are to study causes, manifesta-tions and means of early prevention, constructive management and peaceful resolution of ethnic, religious, social and political conflict, as well as confidence building and human rights issues, with particular attention to circumstances in the Republic of Georgia.

#### **Acknowledgements**

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#### **Government**

ICCN is governed by the **Board** chaired by the Director, and also has the **External Board** which includes Professor S.Neil MacFarlane, Lester B. Pearson Professor of Political Science at Oxford University, U.K. and Director of the Centre for International Relations at Queen's University, Kingston, Canada; Professor Alex Rondeli, Director, Foreign Policy Research and Analysis Center at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; Professor Terrence Hopmann, Director, Center for Foreign Policy Development, Thomas J.Watson Jr. Institute for International Studies, Brown University; Dr. Naira Gelashvili, Director, Center for Cultural Relations of Georgia "The Caucasian House"; et al.

#### **Partnership and Membership**

The ICCN is open for membership of individuals and NGOs. Among the Founding Members of the Center are Professor David Holloway, Director of CISAC, Stanford University; Professor S.Neil MacFarlane of Queen's University, Canada; Dr. Raymond Shonholtz, President, Partners for Democratic Change, San Francisco, USA.



**"The common point in all major crises is that you cannot overcome them without transforming your mind"**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George Khutsishvili'.

**Founder and Director** of the Center is Professor George Khutsishvili, Ph.D., IREX/Carnegie Visiting Fellow of the Center for International Security and Arms Control, Stanford University (1993/94 academic year), NATO Democratic Institutions Research Fellow (1993-1994); holds Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Tbilisi University (1977) and from the Ukraine Academy of Sciences (1991) for the book "Genesis of the Structure of Mentality" (Tbilisi: Academic Press, 1989).

Dr. Khutsishvili organized the joint NATO-ICCN Workshop "Developing a Regional Security Concept for the Caucasus" (Tbilisi, 4-6 October 1996); initiated the first Georgian-Abkhazian non-governmental group contacts (currently a program "Confidence Building Measures in Georgia/Abkhazia"; was nominated by President Shevardnadze for the position of the Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia (1996); was Member of the International Studies Association (1997/98), the Consultative Council on Foreign Relations at the Georgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Commission on Developing National Security Concept for Georgia, established by President Shevardnadze; was a Georgian coordinator of the Program "Integration and Disintegration in the Former Soviet Union: Implications for Regional and Global Security" sponsored by Brown University; consulted Stanford University on Ethnic Conflicts in FSU in 1994/95; initiated the international conference "Ethnicity, Conflict and the Post-Soviet Reality" (Stanford University, 15 November 1993); organized the first joint Georgian-Canadian conference "Ethnic Conflict and Federalism" (Tbilisi, March 1993); was on Board of the State Committee for Human Rights and Ethnic Relations of Georgia (1992/93); advised in 1992/93 the Georgian government, United Nations Office and CSCE Mission in Georgia. Teaches Conflict Theory at the Department of International Relations and International Law of Tbilisi Stte University (since 1994).

#### **History**

The project of establishing a conflict resolution center in Tbilisi was first proposed by Dr. George Khutsishvili in 1989, but existed only as an independent group of scholars till 1992 when the Center first materialized at the State Committee for Human Rights and Ethnic Relations of Georgia. Dr. Khutsishvili's fellowship at Stanford followed in 1993/94 when the decision was made by the MacArthur Foundation to support the establishment of independent center in Georgia.

#### **Joint Programs and International Activities**

Along with ongoing activities of publishing books and journals, developing databases and supporting Georgian scholars and NGOs in implementation of the peace and democracy promoting projects, ICCN implements the Conflict Resolution Training Program in Georgia (supported by the Norwegian Refugee Council), co-coordinated the project "Integration and Disintegration in the FSU: Implications for Regional and Global Security", jointly with the Center of Foreign Policy Development (Prof. Terrence Hopmann, Director) at Brown University, Providence, RI, USA. (forthcoming book); participated in the "Ethnicity and European Security" Program, coordinated by the Center for International Relations at Queen's University, Kingston, Canada (forthcoming is the summarizing book with the chapter on Georgia co-authored by professors S. Neil MacFarlane and George Khutsishvili), in the "Initiative in Georgian - South-Ossetian Dialogue" of Conflict Management Group/Harvard Negotiation Project (Prof. Roger Fisher, Director), in the Network for Ethnological Monitoring and Early Warning of conflict, co-directed by Conflict Management Group, Cambridge, MA and the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow; coordinates jointly with International Alert, London, U.K. the Program of Confidence Building Measures in Georgia/Abkhazia supported by Tacis Democracy Programme and and CordAid (Holland); Network for Early Warning and Monitoring of Ethnic Conflict (NEWMEC) in Georgia, supported in