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KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON GEORGIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

- 1. Membership in UNESCO: since 7 October 1992
- 2. Membership on the Executive Board: not currently (last term: 1999-2003)
- 3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
- 4. The Director-General's visits to Georgia: None

5. The former Director-General's visits to Georgia:

• 15-17 September 2000: official visit

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- H.E. Mrs Ecaterine Siradze-Delaunay, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 19 July 2013)
- Staff: Ms Ekaterine Enukidze, First Counsellor; Mr Bessarion Jghenti, First Counsellor; Mr Nodar Nutsubidze, First Secretary
- Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Mamuka Kudava (April 2007 October 2012); H.E. Ms Natia Djaparidzé (November 2004 – December 2006)

7. Georgian National Commission for UNESCO:

- Date of establishment: October 1992
- President: Mr Mikheil Janelidze, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since December 2015)
- Vice-President: Ms Khatuna Totladze (since September 2015)
- Secretary-General : Ms Ketevan Kandelaki (since May 2006)

8. UNESCO Institutes: none

9. Georgian personalities linked to UNESCO activities:

• Ms Elisso Bolkvadze, Georgian pianist, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2015).

10. UNESCO Chairs: 2

- UNESCO Chair on intercultural dialogue (2016), Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- UNESCO Chair in the Information Society (2003), Georgian Technical University
- **11. Associated Schools:** 35 (2 primary, 6 primary and secondary, 22 secondary schools, 1 vocational and technical institution and 4 other establishments). Georgia joined the ASP Network in 1985.
- 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none
- 13. UNESCO Clubs: none
- 14. Biosphere Reserves: none
- 15. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

16. World Heritage Sites: 3 cultural sites

- Historical Monuments of Mtskheta (removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2016)
- Upper Svaneti (1996)
- Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery (1994) (on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010)

17. Tentative List: 16 properties

- Gelati Monastery (2013)
- Alaverdi Cathedral (2007)
- Ananuri (2007)
- Colchis Wetlands and Forests (2007)
- David Gareji Monasteries and Hermitage (2007)
- Dmanisi Hominid Archaeological Site (2007)
- Gremi Church of Archangels and Royal Tower (2007)
- Kvetera Church (2007)
- Mta-Tusheti (2007)
- Nicortsminda Cathedral (2007)
- Samtavisi Cathedral (2007)
- Shatili (2007)
- Tbilisi Historic District (2007)
- Uplistsikhe Cave Town (2007)
- Vani (2007)
- Vardzia-Khertvisi (2007)
- 18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3 elements on the Representative List
 - Living culture of three writing systems of the Georgian alphabet (2016)
 - Ancient Georgian traditional Qvevri wine-making method (2013)
 - Georgian polyphonic singing (2008)

19. Memory of the World Register: 4 inscriptions

- The Oldest Manuscripts Preserved at the National Archives of Georgia (2015)
- "Description of Georgian Kingdom" and the Geographical Atlas of Vakhushti Bagrationi (2013)
- Manuscript Collection of Shota Rustaveli's Poem "Knight in the Panther's Skin" (2013)
- Georgian Byzantine Manuscripts (2011)

20. Creative Cities Network: no inscriptions

21. Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified

Ratified Conventions:

- Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954. (notification of succession: 04/11/1992)
- Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954. (notification of succession 04/11/1992)
- Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958. (notification of succession: 04/11/1992)
- Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958. (notification of succession: 04/11/1992)
- Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960. (notification of succession: 04/11/1992)

- Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970. (notification of succession: 04/11/1992)
- Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979. (notification of succession: 04/11/1992)
- Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972. (notification of succession: 04/11/1992)
- Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971. (accession: 07/02/1997)
- Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997. (ratification: 13/10/1999)
- International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961. (accession: 14/05/2004)
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003. (ratification: 18/03/2008)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005 (approval: 01/07/2008)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005 (accession: 07/12/2009)
- Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999. (accession: 13/09/2010)

Non-Ratified Conventions:

- Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character with Protocol of Signature and model form of certificate provided for in Article IV of the above-mentioned Agreement. Beirut, 10 December 1948.
- Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950.
- 3 Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.
- Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.
- Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.
- Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.
- Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.
- Protocol to amend articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Regina, Canada, 28 May 1987.
- Convention on Technical and Vocational Education. Paris, 10 November 1989.
- Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas, and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, 16 December 1983.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.
- Protocol to amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Paris, 3 December 1982.
- Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976.

- International Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean. Nice, 17 December 1976.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States. Arusha, 5 December 1981.
- Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.
- Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States. Paris, 22 December 1978.
- Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.
- Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.
- Multilateral Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties, with model bilateral agreement and additional Protocol. Madrid, 13 December 1979.
- Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.
- Revised Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education. Tokyo, 26 November 2011
- Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa, 12 December 2014

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: 2

- 200th anniversary of the birth of Nikoloz Baratashvili, poet (1817-1845) (with the support of Azerbaijan)
- 200th anniversary of German settlements in the South Caucasus Region (migration of the Schwab Germans to Azerbaijan and Georgia) (with the support of Germany)

23. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 58,590
- 2014-2015: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 74,594
- 2012-2013: 6 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 81,962
- 2010-2011: 6 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 103,600
- 24. Fellowships: Since 2010, 3 fellowships awarded for a total amount of US\$ 87,980.
- 25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: None
- 26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016-2017: fully paid
 - Assessment rate for 2016-2017: 0.008%
 - Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 52,240

27. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

| Year | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Total | 2,000 | 1,277 | 196 | 392 | - | 95 |

28. Representation within the Secretariat: under represented

• 1 International professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)