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Business Associations’ joint petition to the Georgian Prime Minister and the Government’s Economic Team

Due to the “Covid 19” pandemic, the business sector of our country has faced great challenges in recent times.

Taking into account existing economic challenges in Georgia, 2021 will be the most difficult year for businesses in terms of maintenance and further development. Consequently, the Georgian government and companies operating in the country will have to make significant efforts to minimize losses, maximize job retention and save small and medium-sized businesses.

As a comprehensive approach is needed to achieve the above-mentioned goals, as well as effective coordination of public and private sectors’ efforts and activities, we propose to the Government to establish a “Business Development Council”, which will consider all urgent and important issues in crises period for the purposes for timely adoption by the Government of proper resolutions.

Due to the current economic challenges in our country, the above-mentioned Council should be established for a period of 2 years (2021-2022). We express readiness by the end of December of this year to provide to the Prime Minister and the Economic Team the Business Development Council’s regulations and all the technical details that will be necessary for the functioning of the Council.

At this stage, we are sending to the Government the following draft composition of the above-mentioned Council:

- **Prime Minister (Chairman of the Council), as well as Government's Economic Team Selected by him.**
- **Business Ombudsman;**
- **Representatives of a limited number of business associations who will work closely with the government's team important issues; *The number and composition of business associations participating in the Council will be agreed with the Government's team during a consultation meeting with the undersigned associations;***
- **According to the issues to be discussed at the Council meetings, relevant line Ministers as well as sectoral associations will be additionally invited.**

We express readiness to discuss the details of the above-mentioned Council with the Prime Minister and the economic team in the nearest future.

The heads of the undersigned associations expect that in this particularly severe and difficult period for the country, the Government of Georgia will accept this proposal and, based on common interests will agree to establish the above-mentioned Council.

**Georgian Distributors
Business Association**

**EU-Georgia Business
Council**

**International Chamber of
Commerce in Georgia**

**Georgian Producers'
Federation**

**Taxpayers Union of
Georgia**

**Georgian Employers'
Association**

**Georgian Tourism
Association**

**Georgian Restaurateurs
Association**

**Georgian Vehicle
Inspection Bodies
Association**

**Federation of Hotels and
Restaurants of Georgia**