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Thursday, April 25, 2013

19:00-21:00   Welcome dinner, Kopala Hotel, Tbilisi

Friday, April 26, 2013

8:00-9:00   Breakfast

9:00-9:30   Greetings from the organizers: **Svetlana Savranskaya, Giorgi Kldiashvili**

9:30-11:00   Session One, Chair: **Svetlana Savranskaya**

- "The World's Right to Know and Open Government Partnership," **Tom Blanton**, Director of the National Security Archive, US
- "Open Government Partnership in Georgia," **Giorgi Kldiashvili**, Director of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information, Georgia
- "Russia and the OGP," **Ivan Pavlov**, Chairman of the Institute for Freedom of Information Development, Russia

- "Open Government Developments in Bulgaria," **Gergana Jouleva**, Executive Director of the Access to Information Program, Bulgaria

11:00-11:15   Coffee Break

11:15-12:45   Session Two, Chair: **Levan Avalishvili**

- "Understanding of Open Governance by Governments of Eastern Partnership Countries and Russia; First Results of OGP Implementation," **Oleksii Khmara**, President of Transparency International Ukraine, Ukraine
- "Development of Freedom of Information in Armenia after Joining the OGP," **Mesrop Harutyunyan**, Board Member of the Journalists' Union of Armenia, Armenia
- "Partnership of Open Government or Civil Society. Which Model of Unity is More Socially Effective?" **Viktor Monakhov**, Institute for State and Law, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
- "OGP Country Action Plan Implementation in Armenia, **Gevorg Hayrapetyan**, Lawyer, Freedom of Information Center in Armenia, Armenia

12:45-14:00   Lunch

14:00-15:45   Session Three, Chair: **Ivan Pavlov**

- "FOI in Community Life: Transparency Tool," **Levon Barsegyan**, Chairman of the Journalists' Club "Asparez," Coordinator of the Gyumri Anticorruption Center, Armenia
- "About Access to Public Information in Ukraine: Practical Results, Current Problems, and Prospects for Solutions." **Alexander Pavlichenko**, Office of the Ombudsman, Ukraine
- "Transparency of Legal Persons established by the Government," **Giorgi Narmania**, lawyer at Georgia Young Lawyers' Association, Georgia
- "The Drawbacks of Freedom of Information Act," **Vakhushti Menabde**, Director of Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center, Georgia

15:45-16:00   Coffee break

16:00-17:00   Session Four, Chair**: Ashot Melikyan**

- "Access to Russian Archives," **Jan Raczynski**, Memorial, Russia
- "Legal Challenges & the Efforts to Establish Historical Memory," **Nikita Petrov**, Memorial, Russia

19:00-21:00   Dinner

Saturday, April 27, 2013

8:00-9:00   Breakfast

9:00-10:30   Session Five, Chair: **Kety Rostiashvili**

- "Access to Public Information in Georgia before and after Elections," **Levan Avalishvili**, Chairman of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information, Georgia
- "Access to Public Records: Steps Back from Transparency and Accountability," **Rashid Hajili**, Director of Media Rights Institute, Azerbaijan
- " Repatriation of Documents, Access to Documents from Former Soviet Archives in the United States," **Svetlana Savranskaya**, Head of Russia Programs, National Security Archive, US

10:30-10:45   Coffee break

10:45-12:00   Session Six, Chair: **Rashid Hajili**

- "Monitoring Government Websites in Armenia and Issuing Requests for Content Standardization," **Ashot Melikyan**, Chairman of the Committee to Protect Freedom of Expression, Armenia
- "Tbilisi City Electronic Government," **Ketevan Rostiashvili**, Professor at Tbilisi State University, Georgia

12:00-12:30   Concluding Remarks: **Thomas Blanton**, Director, National Security Archive, US

12:45-14:00   Lunch

15:00-20:00   Cultural Program

20:00-22:00   Dinner

Sunday, April 28, 2013

9:00-10:00 Breakfast

Departure of the participants