



The South Caucasus Network of Human Rights Defenders

The South Caucasus Network of Human Rights Defenders unites 30 human rights NGOs in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. The Network seeks to facilitate creation of a safer and enabling environment for human rights defenders in the South Caucasus and to strengthen their voices in the region and internationally.

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The South Caucasus Network of Human Rights Defenders is deeply concerned about the amendments to the Law on Rallies, Law on Police and Law on Administrative Offences adopted by the Parliament of Georgia on July 17, 2009 on the extraordinary session.

The Network considers that these amendments unjustifiably restrict human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular freedom of assembly and expression, and further undermine democracy in Georgia.

The South Caucasus Network of Human Rights Defenders calls upon the President of Georgia to veto the law according to his power under the Constitution and thus prevent further erosion of democracy and human rights in Georgia.

“Everyone has the right, individually and in association with others, to promote and to strive for the protection and realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms at the national and international levels.”
Article 1, UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders