



## Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

**Co-ordinator of OSCE**

**Economic and Environmental Activities**

**Vienna, 31 August 2020**

Dear Ambassador,

With reference to the earlier consultations between our Offices, I have the pleasure to inform you that despite the limitations due to the COVID 19 outbreak, we will be organizing the bilateral consultations between relevant national stakeholders from Georgia and Armenia, and Georgia and Azerbaijan on climate change and security in an online format within the framework of the OSCE's extra-budgetary project entitled "*#1102151- Strengthening Responses to Security Risks from Climate Change in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia*". In this project we are partnering with *adelphi*, a Berlin-based think-tank working on climate, environment and development issues.

The online consultation process aims to enable a bilateral exchange between the respective countries on climate change and recent policy developments in this field; to revisit the climate and security hotspots that were defined in a previous OSCE-led ENVSEC project "*#1101365- Climate Change and Security in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (2013-2017)*"; and to identify transboundary co-operation opportunities to address potential security implications of climate change. The results of the earlier work – namely "Climate Change and Security in the South Caucasus", which serves as a basis for the upcoming consultation process – can be found here: <https://www.osce.org/secretariat/355546> and <https://www.osce.org/secretariat/331921>.

The consultation process will consist of several short online sessions starting in October 2020. Please find attached for your kind review the Concept Note for the Consultation Process.

**H.E. Ambassador Ketevan TSIKHELASHVILI**

**Permanent Representative**

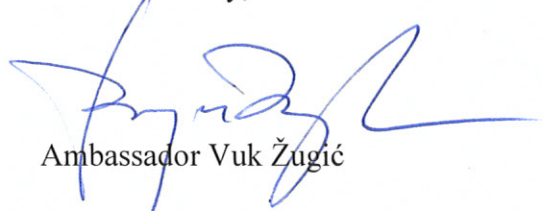
**Permanent Mission of Georgia to the OSCE**

In light of the above, I would request your kind support in the nomination of twelve representatives from Georgia to take part in this consultation process, including representatives from Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Environment Protection and Agriculture, and Health as well as Ministries/Agencies in charge of energy, emergency situations, water, renewable energy; and representatives from relevant NGOs, academia and private sector. We hope to have a gender-balanced representation. Kindly note that the consultations will be in English with simultaneous translation to Russian.

We look forward to receiving information on the nominated representatives from Georgia latest by 14 September 2020.

We will be glad to provide further information on the consultation process (Contact: *Ms. Esra Buttanri*, Senior Adviser, [esra.buttanri@osce.org](mailto:esra.buttanri@osce.org) at the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities) and we look forward to the continuation of our good collaboration in this field.

Yours sincerely,



Ambassador Vuk Žugić

Encl: Concept Note-Climate change and security consultation process