



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

The Deputy Director

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Mr. Zaza Bokhua
First Deputy Minister
Ministry of the Internally Displaced Persons
from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
Tbilisi

Dear Mr. Bokhua,

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is pleased to invite you to the **Roundtable on Civil Registration and Identity Documents among Roma in Georgia**. The meeting will take place on **4 December 2018** in Tbilisi, from 09:30 until 17:00.

The main objective of the roundtable is to present and discuss the findings and recommendations of two recent background papers supported by ODIHR. The first paper provides an analysis of the legal and procedural framework regulating the issuance of civil registration and identity documents in Georgia. The report also analyses existing practices and obstacles in issuing these documents, as well as challenges that Roma encounter in accessing them in Georgia. The second paper maps the problem of lacking civil registration and identity documents among Roma in Georgia, including women and youth, with a focus on the negative impact on enjoyment of their rights.

The event will provide state authorities, Roma community representatives, civil society organizations and international organizations a forum to discuss the current situation concerning access to civil registration and identity documents among Roma, and to identify concrete next steps to tackle the issue and to reduce the risk of statelessness in Georgia. The working languages of the roundtable are English and Georgian.

We firmly believe that the active participation of you or your representatives would significantly contribute to the success of the event and will ensure the best premises for follow-up work.

ODIHR would be grateful if the names of the participants could be confirmed at your earliest convenience, and **not later than 19 November**, to Ms. Kati Jaaskelainen, Associate Programme Officer (kati.jaaskelainen@odihr.pl, +48 22 5200 794). Information about the agenda of the roundtable will be sent upon receiving confirmation of participation of you or your representatives.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Katarzyna Gardapkhadze
First Deputy Director

cc: H.E. Ambassador David Dondua, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the OSCE, Vienna