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Promoting Millennium Development Goals

Tbilisi, October 25, 2005 – On October 18-20 UNA-Georgia arranged workshop on Millennium Development Goals (MDG) within the framework of the collaborative project of UNA-Georgia and UNA-Sweden, implemented with the Forum Syd Assistance “Confidence Building and MDG Promotion in the South Caucasus”.

The main aim of the workshop was to establish a working group and develop a strategy for further cooperation. The event was facilitated by an expert from UNA Sweden. Among the MDG monitoring working group NGOs are: the “Tanadgoma” association, “Green Wave” association and radio, Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia, Association of Young Economists, Georgian Young Lawyers Association, United Nations Association of Georgia and Oxfam Georgia Branch.

Following the workshop the NGOs agreed to design a civil society report next year aiming at raising public awareness about MDGs and elaborating recommendations on MDG implementation. This report will be produced through the joint efforts of Georgian CSOs working in the field of MDGs and will represent an unprecedented activity for NGOs working with the monitoring and reporting of MDGs.

A preceding step for the workshop will be an overview of Georgia’s contribution towards the fulfillment of the MDG declaration, studying and analyzing public opinion and elaborating recommendations from Civil Society Organizations in regards to the successful implementation of MDGs.

In addition to forming a working group, a larger coalition - encompassing some 60 Georgian NGOs - has recently been established in Georgia. This coalition will center its activities around the building of public awareness nationwide and will undertake concrete actions towards cooperation with Georgian government agencies and other agencies working on MDG promotion. UNA Georgia is not an exception in being devoted to international values and has become a successful member of this coalition.