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### The United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation has been ratified

The Parliament of Georgia adopted a resolution on 22 June 2021 that ratified the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation. The document seeks to facilitate the settlement of cross-border commercial disputes.

In the resolution, the Parliament of Georgia included two reservations:

1. Georgia declares that the Convention shall not apply to settlement agreements to which the country is a party, or to which any governmental agencies or any person acting on behalf of a governmental agency is a party;
2. Georgia declares that it will apply the Convention only if the disputing parties have agreed to such.

## Amendments to the Civil Procedure Code

Amendments to the Civil Procedure Code were adopted on 22 June 2021. They came into effect upon publication (on 24 June 2021).

These amendments seek to implement the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation in domestic law. To that end, they introduce a new procedure and fees for the following applications:

- to secure the enforcement of a mediation settlement;
- to enforce a settlement resulting from mediation; or
- to recognise and enforce an international mediation settlement.

The new rules set out the procedure that courts must follow when reviewing such applications. They also set forth the grounds for refusing applications to recognise and enforce international mediation settlements.

## Proposed amendments to the law of Georgia “On Copyright and Related Rights”

Following the decision of the Constitutional Court of Georgia in Case No.2/1/877, in which the court held that some of the provisions of the law of Georgia ‘On Copyright and Related Rights’ ran counter to the Constitution of Georgia, a package of amendments was proposed in the Parliament of Georgia to facilitate the implementation of the court’s decision and rectify these inconsistencies.

In summary, the amendments make the following provisions:

- Organisations that manage property rights on a collective basis will have the right to request information from individuals and legal entities (including state organisations and institutions) about manufacturing and import of equipment and physical carriers;
- The processing of received information in a way that breaches the established procedure will be subject to administrative liability.

## Amendments to the law of Georgia “On Energy Efficiency of Buildings”

Amendments to the law of Georgia ‘On Energy Efficiency of Buildings’ were introduced on 10 June 2021. They came into effect upon publication (on 14 June 2021).

These amendments postponed the date on which the minimum energy efficiency requirements for: (a) buildings, building parts, or building elements, and (b) a building’s engineering and technical systems were supposed to come into effect. Now, these requirements will take effect on 30 June 2022 (instead of 30 June 2021).

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