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Round Table Conference for the promotion of the Georgian Probation Service and discussion of problems and perspectives

A Round Table Conference was held on 10 October 2007 in Akhaltsikhe, 106 Rustaveli St (building of the University) to promote the Georgian Probation Service.

The meeting was the first of nine meetings which will be conducted in all regions of Georgia.

Organizers of this meeting were the Samtskhe –Javakheti Regional Probation Bureau in Akhaltsikhe, European Commission Penitentiary and Probation Reform Project (PPRP) and PRI (Penal Reform International).

Representatives from the Ministry of Justice, local court, prosecutor's office, police, church, local NGOs and mass media took part as well as the organizers.

A presentation of the new Probation Law was made. There was a discussion of the role of probation in the regions of Georgia and collaboration with different governmental and non-governmental organizations. The development of probationers' rehabilitation and a review of the various problems and perspectives faced was an important part of the discussion.

The round table conference was open at 11 a.m, with registration from 10.30.

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