Georgia

Georgia has met all aspects of the terms of reference (OECD, $2017_{[3]}$) (ToR) for the calendar year 2019 (year in review) and no recommendations are made.

Georgia can legally issue four types of rulings within the scope of the transparency framework. In practice, Georgia has not issued any rulings within the scope of the transparency framework.

As no exchanges were required to take place, no peer input was received in respect of the exchanges of information on rulings received from Georgia.

A. The information gathering process

422. Georgia can legally issue the following four types of rulings within the scope of the transparency framework: (i) preferential regimes;¹ (ii) cross-border unilateral APAs and any other cross-border unilateral tax rulings (such as an advance tax ruling) covering transfer pricing or the application of transfer pricing principles; (iii) permanent establishment rulings; and (iv) related party conduit rulings.

423. For Georgia, past rulings are any tax rulings within scope that are issued either: (i) on or after 1 January 2016 but before 1 April 2018; or (ii) on or after 1 January 20114 but before 1 January 2016, provided they were still in effect as at 1 January 2016. Future rulings are any tax rulings within scope that are issued on or after 1 April 2018.

424. In the prior year's peer review report, it was determined that Georgia's undertakings to identify past and future rulings and all potential exchange jurisdictions were sufficient to meet the minimum standard. In addition, it was determined that Georgia's review and supervision mechanism was sufficient to meet the minimum standard. Georgia's implementation remains unchanged, and therefore continues to meet the minimum standard.

425. Georgia has met all of the ToR for the information gathering process and no recommendations are made.

B. The exchange of information

426. In the prior year's peer review report, it was determined that Georgia's process for the completion and exchange of templates were sufficient to meet the minimum standard. With respect to past rulings, no further action was required. Georgia's implementation in this regard remains unchanged and therefore continues to meet the minimum standard.

427. Georgia has international agreements permitting spontaneous exchange of information, including being a party to the (i) *Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters: Amended by the 2010 Protocol* (OECD/Council of Europe, 2011_[4]) ("the Convention") and (ii) bilateral agreements in force with 57 jurisdictions.²

428. As Georgia did not issue any rulings in scope of the transparency framework in the relevant period, Georgia was not required to exchange any information on rulings in the year in review and no data on the timeliness of exchanges can be reported.

429. Georgia has the necessary legal basis for spontaneous exchange of information, a process for completing the templates in a timely way and has completed all exchanges. Georgia has met all of the ToR for the exchange of information process and no recommendations are made.

C. Statistics (ToR IV)

430. As no rulings were issued, no statistics can be reported.

D. Matters related to intellectual property regimes (ToR I.4.1.3)

431. Georgia does not offer an intellectual property regime for which transparency requirements under the Action 5 Report (OECD, 2015_[1]) were imposed.

Summary of recommendations on implementation of the transparency framework

Aspect of implementation of the transparency framework that should be improved	Recommendation for improvement
	No recommendations are made.

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Notes

¹ With respect to the following preferential regimes: 1) International financial company and 2) Virtual zone person.

² Parties to the Convention are available here: <u>www.oecd.org/tax/exchange-of-tax-information/convention-on-mutual-administrative-assistance-in-tax-matters.htm</u>. Georgia also has bilateral agreements with Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, China (People's Republic of), Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.



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