

# SHORTCOMINGS IN THE ASSET DECLARATIONS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF ADJARA

A part of the public officials of the Government and members of the Supreme Council of Adjara have filled out their asset declarations incompletely.

TI Georgia has studied more than 30 asset declarations of public officials. **As a result, we have revealed 5 cases of incompletely filled out declarations and 3 cases of failure to transfer stakes to other persons on the basis of a trust agreement.**

According to the Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service, public officials are obliged to fully declare their and their family members' property and business activity. Public officials are also obliged to transfer the management rights of their stakes in business entities to other persons for the duration of their time in office.

## GIORGI MANVELIDZE

*Member of the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara*



In a declaration filled out on January 18, 2019, Giorgi Manvelidze failed to indicate that he owns a 50% stake in I-G LLC. The member of the Supreme Council of Adjara had also failed to include this information in his declarations of 2018 and 2017, despite the fact that Mr. Manvelidze has been a shareholder of the company since 2012. According to the requirement of law, Mr. Manvelidze is obliged to transfer the said stake to another person on the basis of a trust agreement, in addition to declaring it.

## KHVICHA SHARASHIDZE

*Member of the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara*



In a declaration filled out on January 26, 2018, Khvicha Sharashidze failed to indicate that he owns a 50% stake in Vox LLC, which, according to the law, he is obliged to transfer to another person on the basis of a trust agreement. He also failed to declare that his spouse, Shorena Kartsivadze, is the owner of a 50% stake and director of HAIR FASHION LLC.

## ZAZA OKUASHVILI

*Former member of the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara*



In a declaration filled out on February 28, 2018, Zaza Okuashvili failed to indicate that his children, Rati and Giorgi Okuashvili, own 50% stakes each in BENMONT LLC.

Zaza Okuashvili's powers as a member of the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara were terminated on January 24, 2019.

## DAVIT BATSIKADZE

*Member of the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara*



In a declaration filled out on January 24, 2019, Davit Batsikadze indicated that he owns a 25% stake in Royal Batumi LLC, although, despite the requirement of law, he has not transferred the management rights of his stake to another person. The director of the said company is Davit Batsikadze's spouse, Nana Bajelidze.

## ILIA VERDZADZE

*Member of the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara*



In a declaration filled out on January 31, 2019, Ilia Verd zadze indicated that he owns a 15% stake in Tsda 2008 LLC, although, despite the requirement of law, he has not transferred the management rights of his stake to another person.

## JAMBUL KHOZREVANIDZE

*Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara*



In a declaration filled out on March 2, 2018, Jambul Khozrevanidze failed to indicate that he owns a 100% stake in Sene LLC and a 50% stake in JTA LLC. According to the law, in addition to his obligation to indicate the said stake in the declaration, Jambul Khozrevanidze should also have transferred the management rights of the stakes to another person.

## TEONA BERIDZE

*Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sports of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara*



In a declaration filled out on February 28, 2018, Teona Beridze failed to indicate that his spouse, Ramaz Baladze, owns a 50% stake in Bala+ LLC and a 33% stake in X-Stone LLC.

## TORNIKE KUCHAVA

*First Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara*



In a declaration filled out on December 3, 2018, Tornike Kuchava indicated that he owns a 20% stake in Geo-Svla LLC, although, despite the requirement of law, he has not transferred the management rights of his stake to another person.

**Verification of asset declarations of public officials is one of the major instruments for combating corruption. Therefore, TI Georgia calls on the Civil Service Bureau to study the asset declarations of the persons mentioned in the study on the basis of the presented information and to respond accordingly.**