



# CONSULAR CORNER

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## Ambassador's Message:



Greetings!

U.S. Citizen Services are of paramount importance to me. Our Consul and Consular staff are conscientious and excel in services such as renewals of passports, notaries, social security information, U.S. Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, emergency messages and warden assignments. Before you travel, I encourage you to consult the U.S. Department of State Country Specific information found [here](#).

The best way to know about consular services and to receive emergency messages during your stay in Georgia is to register in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Plan ([STEP](#)). This program plays an important role in keeping U.S. citizens traveling abroad safe and informed.

Before the next issue of the Consular Corner, we will celebrate Georgian Victory Day (May 9), Georgian Apostle Andrew's Day (May 12), U.S. Memorial Day/Georgian Independence Day (May 26), and U.S. Independence Day (July 4). The Embassy will be closed for those holidays. The U.S. Citizen Services [online](#) appointment system reflects these holiday closures.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find information on how to get U.S. vital records, photo requirements for adult and minor children passports, requirements for accepting a minor child's passport application and how to apply for Social Security benefits here in Georgia. With summer travel coming up, please pay particular attention to U.S. Customs and Border Protection's recommendations when traveling with a minor child on page 6.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Ambassador Richard B. Norland

## How to get U.S. Vital Records

Vital records (birth, death or marriage certificates) are usually held by state, county or city governments. Please follow the link (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>) for convenient guidance on how to obtain vital records in your state.



The Consular section **CANNOT** obtain vital records documents on your behalf.

There are fee-based on-line services that can help obtain these records:

- [www.Vitalchek.com](http://www.Vitalchek.com) allows you to request birth, death and marriage certificates online, by phone, or by fax.
- [www.usbirthcertificate.net](http://www.usbirthcertificate.net) can help you obtain the U.S. vital records.

Georgia ratified the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents this alleviates the need to have the Department of State authenticate U.S. federal and state documents. You can find out more information [here](#).

### Need An Official Document Originally Issued in Georgian Apostilled?



The Civil Registry Agency (CRA) in the Ministry of Justice is located at 67a A.Tsereteli Ave., Tbilisi, Georgia. You can find the list of documents that the CRA will apostille, instructions on how to get an apostille and costs associated with an apostille [here](#).

#### USEFUL INFORMATION WHILE LIVING IN GEORGIA:

- ◆ U.S. citizens staying in Georgia for 360 days or less do not need a visa to enter Georgia. For more information please click [here](#).
- ◆ In case your stay in Georgia is more than 360 days, U.S. citizens should obtain residence permits at the Civil Registry Agency. For instructions please click [here](#).
- ◆ A foreign driver's license is valid in Georgia for one year after arrival. After one year, foreign nationals must obtain a Georgian national driver's license from the Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia. For additional information please click [here](#).





Click here to view [CONSUL'S PODCAST](#) on American Citizen Services on YouTube



**Emergency Contact: (995 32) 227-7000**

Includes Crime Victims, Arrest, Death, Child Abduction, Life Threatening Illness or Medical Conditions, Lost/Stolen U.S. Passport, or other safety and welfare issues of a U.S. citizen.

**HOURS OF OPERATION & CONTACT INFORMATION**

U.S. Citizen Services are available by appointment only. To make an appointment for citizen services please visit

<http://georgia.usembassy.gov/service.html>

Address: # 11 George Balanchine Str. 0131 Tbilisi

Telephone: (995 32) 227-77-24

After hours emergency number: (995 32) 227-70-00

E-mail:

[askconsultbilisi@state.gov](mailto:askconsultbilisi@state.gov)

**Special Point of Interest:**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR U.S. CITIZENS !!!**

In case of a crisis and/or natural disaster U.S. citizens in Georgia may tune in to the following FM radio stations for updated U.S. Embassy emergency messages and information for U.S. citizens:

- Radio Green Wave- 107.4 FM (Tbilisi and Gori)
- Radio GIPA — 94.3 FM (Tbilisi)
- Radio Atinati — 105.9 FM (Zugdidi)
- Radio Hereti— 102.8 FM (Lagodekhi and Kakheti)
- Radio Dzveli Kalaki — 107.9 FM (Kutaisi)
- Radio Harmonia — 100.5 FM (Poti)



## Requirements for Accepting an Application for a Minor

Below is a quick guide for accepting and executing passport applications for minors (individuals under 16 years of age). It is not inclusive. Please refer to the Passport Agents' Reference Guide (PARG) for details and additional information.

### Basic information:

- Minors under age 16 **must** apply in person.
- All minors regardless of age, including newborns and infants, must have their own passport when traveling internationally by air.

### What is needed to accept an application for a minor?

1. **A completed form DS-11 "Application for a U.S. Passport"**
2. **Child's evidence of citizenship** (see page 107–109 of the PARG):
  - Previously issued, undamaged, full validity (5 year) U.S. Passport
  - A certified birth certificate issued by the U.S. city, county, or state — parents' names should be listed.
  - Consular Report of Birth or Consular Certification of Birth
  - Naturalization Certificate or Certificate of Citizenship
3. **Evidence of Relationship between Child and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)** (see page 109 of the PARG)
  - The minor's certified U.S. or Foreign birth certificate with both parents' names
  - The minor's Report of Birth Abroad with both parents' names
  - Adoption Decree with adopting parents' names
  - Certified Court Order establishing custody
  - Certified Court Order establishing guardianship
4. **Identification of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)** (see page 110 of the PARG)
  - Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)' undamaged U.S. passport (issued within last 10 years)
  - Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)' Naturalization Certificate (issued within last 10 years)
  - Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)' valid drivers' license
  - Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)' valid government employee or military ID
5. **A copy of identification (front and back) from each parent/guardian** (see page 110 of PARG)
6. **Parental Consent** (see page 111 of the PARG)
  - Both Parents: must appear in person with the minor and sign the DS-11 as part of the application execution
  - One Parent: must appear in person with the minor and sign the DS-11 as part of the application executions. A Statement of Consent (Form DS-3053) from the second parent should be submitted
  - One Parent (with sole legal custody): must appear in person with the minor and sign the DS-11 as part of the application executions. Evidence of sole authority to apply for the minor should be submitted:
    - Minor's certified U.S. birth certificate, certified foreign birth certificate, or Consular Report of Birth Abroad (DS-1350) listing only the applying parent; or
    - Court order granting sole custody to the applying parent; or
    - Adoption decree (if applying parent is sole adopting parent); or
    - Court Order or power of attorney permitting applying parent or guardian to apply for the child's passport; or
    - Judicial declaration of incompetence of non-applying parent; or
    - Death certificate of non-applying parent
  - A Third Party (in loco parentis applying on behalf of a minor under the age of 16):
    - A notarized written statement or affidavit from both parents or guardians authorizing a third party to apply for a passport. When the statement/affidavit is from only one parent/guardian, the third party applying on behalf of the child must present evidence of sole custody for the authorizing parent/guardian
7. **Passport Fees** (see page 117–119 of the PARG)
8. **One acceptable passport photograph** (see page 114–116 of the PARG and reverse side of this guide)

# U.S. Passport Photograph Acceptance Guide Children's Photos Addendum

This Children's Photos Addendum documents specific conditions that make taking passport photographs of children and infants challenging. These conditions are in addition to the base requirements of the U.S. Passport Photograph Acceptance Guide, e.g., quality and composition, lighting, head size and position, pose and expression.

This addendum helps passport photographers and Passport Acceptance Facility staff ensure that children's photos are of acceptable quality and that the photos are free of common defects that may cause processing delays.



## Tips for photographing an infant or very young child

- ⇒ Place the child in a car seat or on his/her back on a blanket to ensure his/her head is supported.
- ⇒ Use a white/off-white blanket or sheet to provide a proper background.
- ⇒ Ensure the child's eyes are open and the child is facing the camera.
- ⇒ Ensure there are no shadows on the face.

Background is not plain or white/off-white



More than one person in photo



Face is obscured



Not facing the camera





## Are You Traveling with a Minor Child?

If a child (under age 18) is traveling with only one parent or someone who is not the child's parent or legal guardian, what paperwork should the adult have to indicate permission or legal authority to have that minor in their care?

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) strongly [recommends](#) that in these situations the traveling adult has a letter of consent from the absent parent or legal guardian.

Due to the increasing incidents of child abductions in disputed custody cases, U.S. Customs and Border Protection recommends that unless the child is accompanied by both parents, the adult have a note from the child's absent parent (or, in the case of a child traveling with grandparents, uncles or aunts, sisters or brothers, or friends, a note signed by both parents) stating "I acknowledge that my wife/husband/etc. is traveling out of the country with my son/daughter. He/She/They has/have my permission to do so."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection also suggests that this letter be notarized. While the Customs and Border Protection Officer may not ask to see this documentation when the child enters the U.S., if they do request such evidence, and you do not have it, you may be detained until the circumstances of the child traveling without both parents can be fully assessed.

If there is no second parent with legal claims to the child (deceased, sole custody, etc.) any other relevant paperwork, such as a court decision, birth certificate naming only one parent, death certificate, etc., would be useful. Adults traveling with children should also be aware that, while the U.S. does not require this documentation, many other countries do; failure to produce notarized permission letters and/or birth certificates could result in travelers being refused entry in some countries.

For more information please visit U.S. Customs and Border Protection's website [here](#).

### **The Bureau of Consular Affairs Department of State reported:**

In CY 2012, there were 1,144 children who were reported abducted from the United States, and over 510 children who were reported returned.

In CY 2012, there were 473 children who were reported abducted to the United States.

For more information on Children's Issues visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or call **1-888-407-4747** from the U.S. & Canada or **1-202-501-4444** from abroad.



## PLEASE NOTE!!!

ACS UNIT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH VISA INQUIRIES. ALL VISA INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CALL CENTER LISTED BELOW. PLEASE NOTE ALL VISA APPLICATIONS ARE ONLY ACCEPTED ONLINE. FOR THE VISA PROCESS PLEASE VISIT [WWW.USTRVELDOCS.COM](http://WWW.USTRVELDOCS.COM)

### Contact Information for Visa Correspondence and Scheduling

Email: To reach a customer service representative email [support-georgia@ustraveldocs.com](mailto:support-georgia@ustraveldocs.com)

Telephone: Contact a customer service representative using one of these telephone numbers:

- **Callers in Georgia** Call +995 32 2471 160.
- **Callers in the United States** Call 703 988 7103.

**NEW!!** Visit [here](#) to get live chat assistance, track the status of your passport or application, or Skype with a representative during business hours.

To contact the  
Consular section  
during business hours

**Call:**  
(995 32) 227-77-24

**Email:**  
[AskConsulTbilisi@state.gov](mailto:AskConsulTbilisi@state.gov)

For after-hours  
Emergencies call  
(995 32) 227-70-00

## Reminder: Appointments Required for Routine ACS Services

All of our American Citizen Services are available by appointment only. Visitors may receive multiple services during the same visit — please make a separate appointment for each service (e.g., to apply for passports and obtain a notary service, make two appointments). Arrive a few minutes before your appointment to allow time to go through security.

ACS appointments must be made using our website:  
<http://georgia.usembassy.gov/service.html>

In case you need an emergency appointment please contact us via phone or email and we will try to accommodate your request at the earliest convenience.

The following services do not need an appointment and you may stop by the Consular any business day from 2 pm to 4 pm:

- \* Report an emergency or urgent matter (e.g., death, hospitalization, or arrest of a U.S. citizen)
- \* Report a lost or stolen passport
- \* Pick up passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBA)
- \* Pick up Social Security or tax refund checks



## Leaving Georgia?

If you are departing Georgia and have been enrolled in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program ([STEP](#)), please do not forget to end your enrollment when you leave.

If you previously enrolled online, you can end your enrollment by visiting <https://step.state.gov/step/>. If you previously submitted a paper registration form at the U.S. Embassy Consular section in Tbilisi, you may unregister yourself by sending an email request to close your enrollment with the Embassy to:

[askconsultbilisi@state.gov](mailto:askconsultbilisi@state.gov)





## SSA ONLINE SERVICES

You may now do many services online through the Social Security Administration's website. You may apply for retirement even without creating an online account.

Please visit <https://secure.ssa.gov/iCLM/rib> for online retirement services. You may also watch the [video](#) to see how easy to retire online.

If you get an online account, you may also view your personal information through the Social Security Administration's website. You need a valid U.S. address and telephone number in order to create an online account. Please be informed that some of the services can only be obtained online during the SSA's works hours.

Depending on your situation, you may be able to access your earnings and estimated future benefits information online. You may also be able to print and save a copy of your *Social Security Statement* or *Benefit Verification Letter*.

If you already receive benefits for Social Security retirement, survivors or disability; or if you get Supplemental Security Income or Medicare, you can access the following information:

- Benefit payment amount
- Breakdown of current payment calculation
- Payment history
- Medicare information
- Overpayment information
- Payment type
- Contact
- Representative payee information

Additionally, if you receive Social Security retirement, survivors or disability benefits, you can do the following:

- Update contact information
- Sign up for direct deposit
- Update direct deposit information

If you receive Medicare only, you can update your contact information. To access your personal information, go to [my Social Security](#) to create an account.

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## Your Payments While You Are Outside The United States Social Security Restrictions



<http://www.ssa.gov>

Social Security restrictions prohibit sending payments to individuals in certain countries, including Georgia. Generally, you cannot receive payments while you are in Georgia, however exceptions can be made for certain eligible beneficiaries in countries with Social Security restrictions in place.

To qualify for an exception, you must agree to the conditions of payment. One of the conditions is that you must appear in person at the U.S. Embassy each month to receive your benefits. Contact **your nearest U.S. Social Security office or email us at [AskConsultbilisi@state.gov](mailto:AskConsultbilisi@state.gov)** for additional information about these conditions and whether you qualify for an exception.

# U.S. Passport Photograph Acceptable Guide for Adults

### Color, contrast, and brightness

- Photo must be in color and should reproduce skin tones accurately
- Photo should not be over- or under-exposed
- Facial features should be clearly evident

### U.S. Passport Photograph Acceptance Guide

U.S. Department of State  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
Passport Services  
Washington, DC

### U.S. Passport Photograph Acceptance Guide

#### Guidelines for Accepting High Quality Photographs for U.S. Passports

Technological advances have changed the way passport photos may be taken and the way that the U.S. Department of State processes the photos. This brochure is meant to help Passport Acceptance Facility staff ensure that:

- Customers are accurately represented and
- Photos are free of common defects that cause delays.

The photograph you accept as part of the passport application is a key part in determining the identity of the passport customer. Remember to carefully review the customer's photograph based on the guidelines here and in the Passport Agent's Reference Guide (PARO). Photographs that are not acceptable could potentially delay the customer's passport application process.

For more information about photos and applications for children, please see the U.S. Department of State brochure entitled *U.S. Passport Photograph's Acceptance Guide - Children's Photo Addendum*.

This brochure is designed to unfold into a small, wall-mountable poster, useful as a practical reference. Please take the time to become familiar with the information provided. With your help accepting good quality photos for U.S. passports, the Department of State can process the applications efficiently. As a result, we will both

### Quality and composition

Only one (1) passport photograph should be submitted with a passport application.

The passport photo must be:

- In color, printed on photo quality paper; 2" x 2" (50 x 50 mm) in size
- Head match that the head is between 1" and 1 1/4" (between 25 and 35 mm) from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head, see template below
- Taken within the last 6 months to reflect current appearance
- Taken in front of a plain white or off-white background
- Taken in full-face view directly facing the camera
- With a neutral facial expression and both eyes open
- Taken in clothing normally worn on a daily basis

### Lighting

- Illumination should be uniform
- Photo should not contain any shadows on face or background
- Photo should not contain any shine or "hot spots"

### Head size and position

- Must meet Quality and Composition requirements
- Shoulders should be square to camera; head should be facing forward
- Pictures should not be taken too close or too far away from the subject and meet size requirements

✓ Indicates that this example photo **should** be accepted as part of an application for a U.S. passport.

✗ Indicates that this example photo **should not be** accepted as part of an application for a U.S. passport and a new acceptable photo would need to be submitted.

## LOCAL UNITED STATES CITIZEN SKILLS/ RESOURCES SURVEY



U.S. citizens abroad may possess critical skills and resources invaluable for helping other U.S. citizens in a time of crisis. The Consular Section in Tbilisi would appreciate your assistance in identifying these skills and resources.

If you are interested in contributing information to the Consular “Skills Bank” please complete this survey and email a copy to [askconsultbilisi@state.gov](mailto:askconsultbilisi@state.gov)

We will keep your responses confidential.

## Make Sure Your Vote Counts

### U.S. VOTING IS NOW EASIER THAN EVER BEFORE!

Now all U.S. citizens can receive their blank ballots electronically. Depending on the state in which you are eligible to vote, you may get your ballot by email, fax, or internet download. To start, go to [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov) to complete a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), print and sign the form then return it to your local election office in the United States. Find more information:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/abroad/legal-matters/benefits/voting.html>



U.S. citizen overseas voters can register to vote and request absentee ballots using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) available at the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s website:

[www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov). This online resource provides important information on absentee voting to help uniformed service members, their families, and other citizens living outside of the United States. On page 12 you will find more voting information.

## Message for U.S. Citizens VOTING IN 2014

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**Your vote counts!** Did you know that many recent U.S. elections have been decided by a margin smaller than the number of ballots cast by military and overseas voters. All states are required to count every absentee ballot as long as it is valid and reaches local election officials by the absentee ballot receipt deadline.

Follow a few simple steps to make sure that you can vote in the 2014 U.S. elections:

**Registering to Vote: Complete a new [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#).** *Even if you have voted by absentee ballot in the past, you must complete a new [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) to vote in the 2014 elections.* The [FPCA](#) is accepted by all local election officials in all U.S. states and territories. It allows you to register to vote and to request absentee ballots for all regular, primary, run-off, and special elections for federal offices (President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives) during the course of the year it is submitted in.

You can complete the FPCA **online** at [FVAP.gov](#). The online voting assistant will ask you questions specific to your state. It will tell you if your state allows the [FPCA](#) to be returned electronically or if you must submit a paper copy with original signature.

**Receiving Your Ballot: Request Electronic Delivery!** States are now required to send out ballots 45 days before a regular election for federal office (President, U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives) and states generally send out ballots at least 30 days before primary elections. No matter which state you vote in, we encourage you to ask your local election officials to deliver your blank ballots to you electronically (by email, internet download, or fax, depending on your state). Be sure to include your email address on your FPCA to take advantage of the electronic ballot delivery option. You can now also confirm your [registration and ballot delivery online](#) for most states.

**Researching the Candidates and Issues: Online Resources.** Check out the [FVAP links page](#) for helpful resources that will aid your research of candidates and issues. Non-partisan information about candidates, their voting records, and their positions on issues are widely available and easy to obtain via numerous websites such as [Project Smart Voter](#). You can also read national and hometown newspapers on-line, or search the Internet to locate articles and information. For information about election dates and deadlines, subscribe to FVAP's Voting Alerts ([vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov)). FVAP also shares Voting Alerts via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

**Returning Your Completed Ballot: Other Options.** If your state requires you to return paper voting forms or ballots to local election officials, you can do so free of charge at the nearest embassy or consulate. They must be in either postage paid return envelopes or in envelopes bearing sufficient domestic U.S. postage, and must also be addressed to the relevant local election officials.

While the Embassy cannot receive mail for you, U.S. citizens can drop off ballots in postage-paid envelopes at U.S. Embassy Tbilisi on Monday – Thursday, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., for mailing back to the U.S. via pouch. Pouch transit time is approximately 2 weeks. If it's more convenient for you, you can also return your FPCA or ballot to your local election officials via international mail or professional courier service at your own expense.

**Learn more at the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website [FVAP.gov](#).** If you have any questions about registering to vote overseas, please contact U.S. Embassy Tbilisi's Voting Assistance Officer at [askconsultbilisi@state.gov](mailto:askconsultbilisi@state.gov).

Federal recreation, camping and tour reservation information - Recreation.gov - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.recreation.gov/

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Toll-free reservation line: 1-877-444-6777 (10:00 AM - Midnight EST) Other ways to contact us >

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**Facebook Q&A Sessions**



On the first Friday of each month at 10:00 EDT, an expert from the Visa Office, in collaboration with the New Media Unit in CA/P, answers questions via the Consular Affairs Facebook Page [www.Facebook.com/TravelGov](http://www.Facebook.com/TravelGov).

**FOCUS ON STAYING CONNECTED:**

**Sample Pinterest Hot Topics!**



The Library of Congress presents



Discover the stories of America's past, like Buffalo Bill and Harriet Tubman; find out about interesting inventions and get fascinating historical facts.

From <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/>



Children can enjoy CPSC's educational videos and interactive activities while learning about pool safety and family fun in the water.

From [www.poolsafety.gov](http://www.poolsafety.gov)



The Public Broadcasting System (PBS) has [a new interactive learning tool](#) that lets 6-12th graders pretend to be a diplomat. The [overview blurb](#) reads, "U.S. Department of State employees, with their skills, character and commitment to public service, are the backbone of America's diplomacy. They represent the American people, advocate U.S. interests to the rest of the world and are America's first line of defense in a complex and often dangerous world." You can "Choose from five different career tracks – Economic, Management, Consular, Political and Public Diplomacy – and be whisked into the business of diplomacy, where the choices you make significantly impact the United States and its citizens."



The Federal government's official job list. Shown are employment search, information center, veteran information and forms.

From [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)



The official benefits website of the U.S. government. Informs citizens of benefits they may be eligible for. Provides information on how to apply for assistance.

From [www.benefits.gov](http://www.benefits.gov)

**Emergency-response center  
112**

(Includes Patrol Police, Medical-Emergency Center, Fire and Rescue Services)

**Information Centre**

Tel: 118 09

**Airport Hotline**

Tel: +995 32 2310421;  
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**LIST OF DOCTORS**

**LIST OF ATTORNEYS**

No Doctors or Attorneys are affiliated with the U.S. Embassy and the lists are provided for informational purposes only.

**CIVIL REGISTRY AGENCY**

Issues residency permits, Georgian passports, civil documents, and Apostille on Georgian documents.

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM**

Information on Tourism activities, entertainment, cultural events.

**E-map of Georgia**



**Important Security Announcement**

When visiting the Embassy, please remember not to bring mobile phones or any electronic devices (such as Blackberries, iPods, or PDAs), food/drinks, medicine or cosmetic products, as they are not allowed within the Embassy. We also strongly advise that you do not bring large bags, such as backpacks, suitcases or packages to the interview as there are no storage facilities on Embassy grounds.

**WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS...**

The U.S. Citizen Services Unit is constantly thinking of new ways to improve our service and efficiency.

If you have an idea or a suggestion about how we can make your visit easier or about items or subjects you'd like to see covered in this newsletter or future public broadcasts please let us know by email:

[askconsultbilisi@state.gov](mailto:askconsultbilisi@state.gov)

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