

## **Press Release**

Government of Georgia signs Memorandum of Understanding with Gilead Sciences Inc.

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On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 an official signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the government of Georgia and Gilead Sciences Inc. will be held in Tbilisi, Georgia to launch a Hepatitis C Elimination project. The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and it aims at eradicating Hepatitis C in the country through treating all citizens of Georgia with the new generation of medications: "Sovaldi" and "Harvoni" as well as implementing measures to prevent spread of HCV.

The ceremony will be held at 15:00 o'clock in the Hotel "Courtyard Marriot" attended by the Prime Minister of Georgia, the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, senior representatives of Gilead Sciences Inc. and CDC, the US Ambassador to Georgia and other government officials of Georgia and invited guests.

Following the signing ceremony joint press conference will be held by the signatory parties in the same location.

The project launch marks a year of intensive negotiations, as well as implementation of preventative measures such as: strict control of high risk virus transmission medical and other facilities and wide public awareness raising campaign to eradicate spread of Hepatitis C.

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