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Mr. David Sergeenko
Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs
Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs
Tbilisi, Georgia

Dear Mr. Minister,

***Subject: World Bank Social Protection and Jobs
Technical Assistance Mission to Tbilisi, Georgia: March 11-13, 2019***

I am pleased to inform you that a World Bank Social Protection and Jobs team led by Maddalena Honorati (Senior Economist) and comprising Florentin Philipp Kerschbaumer (Junior Professional Officer) will visit Georgia during March 11-13, 2019. Lire Ersado (Program Leader) will participate in the mission and Ms. Lela Ghongadze (Program Assistant) will provide administrative support during the visit.

The objectives of the mission are to: (i) contribute to the development and refinement of the Labor Market Strategy; (ii) follow up on the discussions around active measures tailored to Targeted Social Assistance (TSA) program beneficiaries; and (iii) collect inputs for the analysis of the potential work disincentives embedded in the social assistance system, including the compilation of social assistance benefits offered at the subnational level.

I hope that the objectives and timing of the mission are suitable for you. I will be grateful for your support to the upcoming mission, and I am looking forward to productive discussions on these important topics.

Sincerely,

Ozan Sevimli

Acting Head of Georgia Country Office

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