



**INTERNATIONAL
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BANK INFO FORM

Wire Details

Account Holder Name Georgia's Reforms Associates

Bank Name Unicredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s.

Bank Address ZELETAVSKA 1525, 1, PRAGUE, Czech Republic

Country
Czech Republic

IBAN CZ0927000000001388119685

Account Number 1388119685

SWIFT Code
BACXCZPPXXX

Routing Number (if applicable)

Account Holder Address including City, Country, Postal Code

Georgia, Tbilisi, Saburtalo District, Kostava Str., N75g, Apartment N40, 0171

Signature Confirmation of Bank Details

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**INTERNATIONAL FACT-CHECKING NETWORK AT
POYNTER INSTITUTE FOR MEDIA STUDIES, INC
IFCN, Meta & GNI Legal Defense Fund**

RECIPIENT AGREEMENT

Organization name ("**ORGANIZATION**") or full legal name
Georgia's Reforms Associates

Full address: Kostava Str., N75g, Apartment N40

Email: grass@grassgroup.org

Phone: +995599545308

City, County and/or State in which legally recognized:
Tbilisi, Georgia

Is the organization a non-profit or foundation (based on its country's classifications)?
Non-profit

If US-based, what is the EIN of the organization?

Please provide the following information about the natural person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Organization, if applicable. The individual identified below must be authorized to legally bind the Organization.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: Email _____

Phone: Phone _____

Mailing Address (if different than the Organization):

Mailing Address, City, State, Zip code

In consideration of the Grant (described in Paragraph 5 below), which Recipient acknowledges is good and sufficient consideration, Recipient agrees as follows:

1. **Purpose.** Recipient is submitting this agreement ("**Agreement**") with the understanding that it will be relied upon, together with the information provided in Recipient's Grant application (the "**Applicant Content**"), to determine Recipient's eligibility in the Legal Defense Fund ("**Grant Program**"), administered by the International Fact-Checking Network at Poynter Institute for Media Studies, Inc. ("**IFCN**").

2. **Authorization.** If signing on behalf of an Organization, the natural person identified in the form above represents the following: **I am a natural person and an authorized representative of the Organization and am fully authorized to execute this Agreement and to legally bind the Organization.**
3. **Verification and Attestation.** Recipient acknowledges that IFCN may use third-party sources to screen, verify, and otherwise check the eligibility, credentials and other information of the Recipient, as applicable, and Recipient agrees to sign related documentation as requested and in the timeframe requested by IFCN.

Recipient attests to meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Verified signatories to Partner's code of principles
- ✓ Not a state-owned or controlled media organization
- ✓ The Recipient requires support for a discrete portion of a legal dispute the Recipient is defending against;
- ✓ The Recipient confirms support is not for a legal retainer for ongoing legal support or for proactive litigation.
- ✓ There is a recognized risk that the case is likely to result in any of the following: the imprisonment of the fact-checker(s) concerned; bankruptcy of the fact-checking organization and/or individual fact-checker(s) concerned; or the closure of the fact-checking operation concerned.
- ✓ The Program is one of the only feasible means for the applicant to receive the assistance required.

4. **Incorporation of Grant Terms.** Recipient acknowledges that the awarding of the Grant is governed by this Agreement and the Terms for this Grant Program, available at <https://www.poynter.org/legal-defense-fund/> (the "**Terms**") (the Terms and Agreement together are referred to as the "**Contract**"), to which Recipient hereby reaffirms Recipient's previous agreement. Recipient understands that any capitalized term used, but not defined, in this Agreement will have the meaning ascribed to it in the Terms. If there is any actual or alleged conflict between the language of this Agreement and the Terms, the language in this Agreement will control. Recipient affirms and represents that Recipient has complied with and will continue to comply with the Terms and that Recipient has not committed any fraud or deception in entering the Grant Program or in claiming the Grant.
5. **Grant Payment.** This grant is a reimbursement-only Grant. Once Recipient's eligibility to receive the Grant has been verified and confirmed by IFCN, IFCN will reimburse Recipient up to \$ 37577.26 upon submission of receipts by Recipient documenting legal invoices and

payment of such invoices by the Recipient on the case that was documented in the approved application. The Recipient may submit separate invoices with proof of payment and will be reimbursed on each submission until the maximum amount of the Grant is reached.

- i. Please upload here all relevant invoices with proof of payment regarding your legal case.
6. **Expenses.** Any and all expenses related to accepting and making use of the Grant or participating in the Grant Program are the Recipient's sole responsibility.
7. **Taxes.** Recipient is solely responsible for all taxes related to or due from the acceptance of the Grant (including, without limitation, any applicable national, federal, state, and/or local taxes), and that, if required in IFCN's sole discretion, IFCN may file a tax reporting form for the total value of the Grant with the Internal Revenue Service or any other applicable taxing authority. Recipient agrees to complete any tax forms required by IFCN.
8. **Use of Grant.** Recipient acknowledges and agrees to use the Grant for the Purpose specified in Recipient's Applicant Content and pursuant to this Contract. Any alternative use of the Grant must be authorized in advance in writing by IFCN. Assessment Content is a work made for hire to the extent permitted by applicable law, and IFCN retains all intellectual property rights in the Assessment Content
 - a. Organization must maintain a separate bookkeeping account, ledger or project code to track and report total legal expenses paid and reimbursements submitted to IFCN;
 - b. Organization must complete any additional reports, as reasonably requested by IFCN;
 - c. That IFCN may use third party sources to screen, verify, and otherwise check the credentials, banking information, compliance, individuals in positions of control and organization associates of the Organization and the Organization agrees to sign related documentation as requested and in the timeframe requested by IFCN;
 - d. The Organization understands that receiving a Grant does not confer upon the Organization any special recognition, endorsement, or affiliation with either of the IFCN; and
 - e. The Organization must maintain records of expenditures and make its books and records available to IFCN for inspection promptly upon request.
 - f. The Grant may not be used, directly or indirectly, in any manner that would constitute bribery or an illegal kickback, illegal campaigning to political parties/candidates or would otherwise violate anti-corruption regulations and other applicable laws. The Grant will not be used by Organization in any event to:
 - i) carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence specific legislation;
 - ii) influence the outcome of any specific public election or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive; or
 - iii) utilize the Grant in a manner not in

furtherance of the purposes enumerated under 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

9. **No Endorsement.** Recipient acknowledges that receiving a Grant does not confer upon Recipient any special recognition, endorsement, or affiliation with IFCN or any of IFCN's partner organizations or grant sources.
10. **Additional Terms.** Recipient understands, agrees to, and acknowledges the following:
- a. All details of the Grant not specifically stated in the Contract will be determined by Program Parties in their sole discretion, including the form and method of any payment;
 - b. Recipient is solely responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, or regulations in connection with participating in the Grant Program;
 - c. No transfer, assignment, or substitution of the Grant is allowed.
 - d. Recipient agrees that, upon demand by IFCN, it will immediately return the Grant (or the value of the Grant) if any statement or representation made by it in this Agreement is suspected of being, or determined to be false;
 - e. Recipients may not make any public statement regarding this Agreement, its relationship with IFCN or the existence thereof without IFCN's written approval.
 - e. Recipient waives the right to assert as a cost of winning the Grant, any and all costs of verification and redemption to claim the Grant and any liability and publicity that might arise from claiming or seeking to claim the Grant;
 - f. Recipient agrees to maintain behavior in accordance with all applicable laws in connection with participation in any Grant Program- or Grant-related activity;
 - g. If IFCN in its sole discretion, at any time determines that a Recipient is disqualified, ineligible, or in violation of the Contract, it may demand return of all or a portion of the Grant funds from the Recipient and select an alternate Grant recipient, even if the disqualified Recipient's name may have been shown or announced. If the Grant Program is not capable of running as planned for any reason, IFCN reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, modify, or suspend the Grant Program.
11. **License.** Except where prohibited by law, Recipient, on behalf of themselves and their Organization, grants to the IFCN the irrevocable, sublicensable, free-of-charge, absolute right and permission to use, publish, post or display Recipient's name, photograph, likeness, voice,

biographical information, any quotes attributable to Recipient and any other indicia of persona, the Organization's name and logo, if applicable Assessment Content (each as may be altered, changed, modified, edited, used alone, or used with other material in the IFCN's sole discretion) for educational, academic, advertising, trade, promotional and publicity purposes in connection with the Program without further obligation or compensation of any kind to Recipient, anywhere worldwide, in any medium now known or hereafter discovered or devised (including, without limitation, on the Internet) without any limitation of time and without notice, review or approval, and Recipient releases all Released Parties from any and all liability related to such authorized uses. If applicable, with respect to Recipient's Organization's name and logo, Recipient specifically affirms that Recipient has the authority and authorization to grant the license in this Contract. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that nothing contained in this Contract obligates the Released Parties to make use of any of the rights granted in this Contract and Recipient waives any right to inspect or approve any such use. At IFCN's request, Recipient may be asked to execute additional agreements granting rights to Recipient's likeness, Organization's name and logo, News Content and related materials and properties.

12. **Representations & Warranties.** Recipient represents and warrants that its Applicant Content is in full compliance with the requirements of the Terms and that (a) its participation in the Grant Program has and will not result in a violation of any law, local ordinance, or policy applicable to it or any agreement to which it is a party and (b) Recipient is not the subject of any threatened or pending litigation, claim, or dispute that might give rise to litigation, which adversely affects or in any way prejudices, impairs or diminishes the rights granted hereunder.
13. **LIABILITY LIMITATION/INDEMNITY/DISCLAIMER. I HEREBY REAFFIRM ALL LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY, INDEMNITIES, AND DISCLAIMERS SET FORTH IN THE TERMS I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT, EXCEPT WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW, THIS DECLARATION IS A COMPLETE RELEASE AND DISCHARGE OF ALL OF MY CLAIMS AND RIGHTS AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES (AS DEFINED IN THE TERMS) AND THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY OR ON BEHALF OF ME WITH RESPECT OF ANY SUCH RIGHTS.**
14. **Disputes/Governing Law.** Recipient agrees that any disputes between it and any Released Party regarding this Agreement will be subject to terms and procedures set forth in the "DISPUTES/GOVERNING LAW" section of the Terms.
15. **Miscellaneous.** Recipient agrees that any waiver of any term of this Agreement or the Terms in a particular instance will not be a waiver of such term for the future. Recipient agrees that the invalidity or unenforceability of any part of this Agreement or the Terms will in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other part hereof. In the event that any provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable or illegal, this Agreement and the Terms will otherwise remain in effect and will be construed in accordance with their terms as if the

invalid or illegal provision were not contained in these terms. Recipient agrees that this Agreement and the Terms constitute the entire agreement between the Program Parties and Recipient regarding the Grant Program.

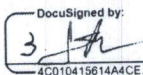
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Georgia's Reforms Associates

Name of Recipient, an individual/a business/Institution

Name: Paata Gaprindashvili

Title: Director


Signature: 

Date: 11/7/2024

The Poynter Institute for Media Studies Inc

Name: Angie Drobnic Holan

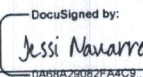
Title: Director, International Fact-Checking Network

Signature: 

Date: 11/7/2024

Name: Jessi Navarro

Title: Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer

Signature: 

Date: 11/7/2024