

## **Tbilisi Statement on Collaborative and Integrated Care**

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WHEREAS, mental disorders account for 30-45% of the global burden of disability;

WHEREAS, these disorders result in billions of dollars of negative economic consequences across low- middle and high-income nations;

WHEREAS, more than 50% of developing countries do not provide any care for persons with mental disorders in the community;

and

WHEREAS, community mental health services is proven to have less possibility for neglect and violations of human rights

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT

United Nations member states strive for the development of Community Based Mental Health. It is extremely important for Georgian Ministry of Health is to support Community Mental Health in the country. Gradual shift from institutional to community care will be possible only in case of financial and political support of the appropriate initiatives.

We highly recommend to the government of Georgia to direct maximum resources for the starting and strengthening of community based services in the entire country.



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