



**Georgia's Reforms Associates**

**FactCheck**

**Regulations for the Editorial Board**

**Chapter I General**

**Provisions**

**Article 1.**

These regulations define the authority and the legal status of the Editorial Board of the FactCheck project implemented by the Georgia's Reform Associates (hereinafter the Organisation).

**Article 2.**

The Editorial Board is a collegial body acting within the framework of the FactCheck project.

**Article 3.**

The Editorial Board, when acting to fulfil its goals and objectives, represents FactCheck and is obligated to act in line with the principles stipulated by the status of FactCheck as a member/signatory of international organisations as well as the ethical standards set forth by the Georgian Charter of Journalistic Ethics.

**Chapter II**

**Goals, Objectives and Functions of the Editorial Board**

**Article 4.**

The goal of the Editorial Board is to ensure that editorial policy is objective, impartial, ethical and constantly advancing in line with priorities and public interest as well as that the project's activity is in line with the commitments taken as part of FactCheck and Georgia's Reforms Associates' membership in various international bodies. The Editorial Board also ensures that FactCheck's platform works in line with an internationally recognised methodology.

**Article 5.**

The major objectives of the Editorial Board are as follows:

5.1 Defining and constantly improving work methodology.

5.2 Timely identifying cases of infringement of methodology and providing a solution.

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## **Article 6.**

In order to achieve set goals, the Editorial Board is authorised to:

6.1 Define editorial policy, methodology and elaborate ways to ensure impartiality.

6.2. Review and elaborate preventive measures to eradicate threats of any violation of objective, impartial and ethical norms. This includes a regular audit of randomly selected articles which have already been published and the implementation of a correction policy in good faith if transgressions are identified.

6.3. Review problematic issues raised by the editors and make respective decisions.

6.4 Review and select ideas in regard to content slated for publication on the website.

6.5 Define FactCheck's work methodology, ensure compliance with the correction policy methodology, select person/persons responsible for the implementation of any issue and carry out monitoring of the implementation of decisions.

6.6 Review complaints and opinions submitted in regard to articles published on FactCheck's website and, if necessary, make a decision to correct a verdict.

6.7 Select persons responsible for decisions made by the Editorial Board and carry out monitoring of the implementation of decisions.

## **Chapter III**

### **Composition of the Editorial Board**

## **Article 7.**

7.1. The Editorial Board consists of FactCheck's editor-in-chief and two editors.

7.2. The Editorial Board is chaired by FactCheck's editor-in-chief.

7.3. The vote of each editor carries equal weight when making decisions within the Editorial Board and decisions are made with a majority of votes.



## **Chapter IV**

### **Independence of the Editorial Board**

#### **Article 8.**

The Editorial Board, has full independence from Georgia's Reforms Associates as well as from its partners, donors, founders or others – third parties in some way affiliated with the organisation, including political subjects, public figures, etc., when making decisions in regard to FactCheck's editorial policy.

#### **Article 9.**

Interference or attempt of interference from any party in the work of the Editorial Board is inadmissible.

## **Chapter V Final**

### **Provisions**

#### **Article 10.**

Regulations for the Editorial Board are revoked, amended or updated by the decision of the Editorial Board.

#### **Article 11.**

In cases where a representative of the management of the "Georgias Reforms Association" also serves as a member of FactCheck's Editorial Board, their role on the Editorial Board is guided solely by the interests of safeguarding FactCheck's editorial independence. When an issue creates a conflict of interest between their positions, the Editorial Board member does not exercise voting rights.

#### **Article 12.**

Decisions of the Editorial Board shall take effect immediately unless the Editorial Board agrees otherwise.

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