



Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia is mandated by the Constitution and Organic Law of Georgia to oversee the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms on the territory of Georgia, identify the cases of infringement of human rights and assist individuals in redressing of violations of their rights. It is an independent constitutional body, which acts to promote human rights and protect individuals from maladministration of State administrative organs.

Office of Public Defender has a broad mandate to promote and protect human rights, and that it exercises this mandate in practice. In addition to its existing mandate, the PD has been mandated with responsibilities for as National Preventive Mechanism under OPCAT, and as monitoring mechanism under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Since 2014 Office of Public Defender is designated as an Equality Body under the Law of Georgia on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination.

PDO submits to the Parliament of Georgia annual reports, which includes general assessment of human rights situation in the country, a summary of findings and recommendations on how to address problems identified. PDO also prepares special reports concerning human rights issues in various fields and presents main findings and recommendations to the public and relevant state institutions.