## Law of Georgia

## Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia

**Article 1.** Following changes shall be made to Article 332<sup>5</sup> of the Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia (Legislative Herald of Georgia, №31, 03.11.2009, Art. 190):

## a) The heading shall have the following formulation:

"Interim regulations for court hearings until 1 July 2021";

## b) Paragraph 1 shall have the following formulation:

- "1. Until 1 July 2021, in case of pandemic or/and epidemic situations posing grave threat to public health, with the decision of the court, the hearings under criminal procedure legislation of Georgia may be held remotely, using electronic means of communication, if:
- a) the accused/convicted/acquitted person consents;
- b) detention has been applied against the accused as a measure of restraint, a convicted person has been sentenced to imprisonment, or/and the public interest of criminal prosecution may be impaired without holding the hearing under such conditions."

**Article 2.** This law comes into force upon publication.

**President of Georgia** 

Salome Zurabishvili

Tbilisi, 29 December 2020 N38-IIრს-Xმპ