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Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili was born on March 1, 1967. In 1991 Gela Bezhuashvili graduated from the Ukrainian Institute of International Relations and International Law, Kiev State University, Faculty of International Law being awarded Bachelor of Arts (BA), Master of Laws (LL.M). In 1996 he gained the US Congress Scholarship, Edmund Muskie Fellowship Program for his studies in the US and in 1997 was awarded Master of Laws (LL.M) in the International and Comparative Law from the Southern Methodist University (SMU) School of Law. He is Edmund Muskie Fellow (1997). In 1998 he gained the UN scholarship for participation in the UN International Law Commission working annual Session, Geneva. In 2011 he was awarded Master in Public Administration (MPA) degree from the JFK School of Government, Harvard University, USA and is an Edward S. Mason Fellow. During his career he has attended special courses in law, international relations, security and public administration at the leading US and European Universities. Gela started his public sector career in 1991 at the Foreign Ministry where he held various positions at the International Law Division and from 1993-1996 served as the Envoy Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of Georgia to the Republic of Kazakhstan. In 1998-2000 Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili was actively involved as a national expert in cooperation with the European structures: Committee of National Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), Council of Europe; Multidisciplinary Group against Corruption (GMC), Council of Europe; Ad hoc committee on Protection of National Minorities, (DH-MIN), Council of Europe; Venice Commission (Constitutional Law), Council of Europe. In 1999 Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili led the Georgian delegation at the BSEC high-level official negotiations and meetings in Istanbul, Thessaloniki, Chisinau. In 1997-1999 he chaired the group of national experts on Georgia's accession to the Council of Europe; chaired the group of experts, which drafted the Georgian Law on International Treaties (1997) and the Georgian Law on Diplomatic Service (1999 and 2007). Since 2000, along with his official duties, he has been involved in scientific research on International Law issues and has published a number of works and books. In 1997-2000 Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili was appointed the Director of the Department of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. In 2000-2004 Mr. Bezhuashvili was the Deputy Defense Minister of Georgia and in 2004 – the Defense Minister of Georgia (first civilian defense Minister). In 2004-2005 Mr. Bezhuashvili was the assistant to the President of Georgia on National Security Issues - Secretary of the National Security Council (NSC). In 2005-2008 Mr. Gela Beshuashvili served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. In 2008-2014 he was the Director of the Intelligence Service of Georgia (GIS). Since January 2014 he is Non-Executive Director, Member of the Board of the Georgian Industrial Group (GIG). Mr. Berzhuashvili also chairs Sipervisory Board of the HeidelbergCementGeorgia (HCG) company.

Gela Bezhuashvili authored and led the elaboration of the Georgian Organic Laws: on National Security Council (2005) and Law on Intelligence Service of Georgia and Law on Intelligence Craft (2010). Mr. Bezhuashvili holds highest Diplomatic Rank of "Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary" and highest Civil Service Rank of "State Chancellor". Mr. Bezhuashvili was nominated as The Man of the Year 2004 by the American Biographical Institute, USA. In 2006, on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of Independence of Ukraine, by Decree of the President of Ukraine, Gela Bezhuashvili was awarded Ukraine's national award – I rank Order of Merit for contribution to the international policy and bilateral relations between Georgia and Ukraine. In 2007, by Order 94 of the President of Estonia, Gela Bezhuashvili was awarded Order of Maarjamaa Rist (Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana) - III rank; the highest award of the Republic of Estonia. In 2013, by Decree N 01/11/04 of the President of Georgia, Gela Bezhuashvili was awarded Vakhtang Gorgasal's Order -I rank. In 2008, the American Biographical Institute, USA has proclaimed Gela Bezhuashvili as an approved Charter Member of the Leading Intellectuals of the World for his outstanding contributions in Defense Reforms, Civilian Control over the Military, Institutional Reform of the Foreign Service and Security System Reforms in Georgia and as a distinguished member of the American Hall of Fame for his outstanding commitment, dedication and inspirational leadership

Mr. Beshuashvili is married, has two sons and a daughter. He fluently speaks English, Russian, Spanish languages.