

REFERENCES

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³ Statistics are available at www.minjust.by.

⁴ The Eastern Partnership is an EU initiative to provide a forum for discussion with the EU's eastern neighbors on trade and other issues.

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⁸ A quote from unpublished research on philanthropic donations commissioned by the Center for Training and Consultancy, a Georgian NGO, in February–March 2009.

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¹¹ The Public Chamber of the Russian Federation is a 126-member state oversight body that has consultative powers and is made up of civil society representatives, one-third of whom were directly appointed by then-President Putin in 2005.