

Mrs Nino Burjanadze

Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia

Mrs Burjanadze has been Speaker of Georgia's unicameral Parliament since 2001. She also served as Interim President of Georgia from November 2003 to January 2004.

She was educated at Tbilisi State University and Moscow's Lomonosov State University, from which she received a PhD in International Law in 1990. She has been an Associate Professor of International Law at Tbilisi State University since 1991.

Mrs Burjanadze served as a consultant to the Ministry of Environment during 1991 and 1992, and as a consultant to the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Relations from 1992 to 1995. She was elected as a Member of the Parliament of Georgia in 1995. She chaired the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs and the Rule of Law 1998-1999 and then the Committee on Foreign Relations, 2000-2001.

In the international sphere, Mrs Burjanadze has been Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE since 2000 and has participated in many other inter-parliamentary groups.

Mrs Burjanadze is the author of numerous articles and one book: "Legal Problems of International Organizations of New Type"

Mrs Burjanadze was born on July 16, 1964. She is married, with two children. Her husband, Badri Bitsadze, is currently head of the Georgian Border Guards.

Her preferred pastimes include classical music, gardening and skiing.