



Elisabeth Roelofs, vice-speakers Mrs. Rusudan Kervalishvili and Mr. Gigi Tsereteli, chairmen of various parliamentary committees and donor organizations. The Fund presented the results of the survey “Social and Economic Costs Incurred due to non-usage of Safety Belts”. At the end of the meeting, new advertising video of the Foundation was shown.

After the above-mentioned meeting, it was decided to hold periodic meetings in the Parliaments under the management of the Committee of Healthcare and Social Affairs which will result in initiation of the law in the nearest future. The new law will oblige the population of Georgia to use seatbelts not only on motorways but on all types of roads too.

## 1<sup>st</sup> June-Child Protection Day—Protect the One Who is Unprotected

On June 1, on International Child Protection day celebrated in Georgia annually, the Partnership of Safe Roads Foundation organized an event “Protect the Unprotected”, within which 12 babies born on this very day in Tbilisi Gudushauri Hospital were given car seats and special informational booklets. Parents were instructed about the importance and necessity of using special safety car seats when traveling with little kids.

At the same event, newly born babies received presents from Mrs. Rusudan Kervalishvili, the Vice-Speaker of Georgian Parliament, Mr. Otar Toidze, chairman of the Committee of Healthcare of Parliament of Georgia and donor organization of the project Alliance for Safe Drive of Georgia.

Zaza Sinauridze, Director and chief doctor of Gudushauri Hospital spoke about the importance of child protection and safety. As an experienced doctor he said that children often become the victims of road accidents. Therefore, he called parents to use all road safety norms to protect their children. At the end, Mr. Sinauridze thanked the Foundation representative for valuable gifts.



## Safe Drive Event in the Public School



Another action within the framework of the project "Youth Road safety Education" was held in num.60 Tbilisi public school. Pupils of third, fourth and fifth classes demonstrated their knowledge and skills gained as a result of the program “ We learn safe drive rules”. The backyard of the school was specially painted for this day and children imitated different road situations. Besides, an exhibition of pictures painted for this veyr day was also held.

Representatives of donor organizations and Ministry of Education and Science, also, USAID representative from America (she was on a business visit in Georgia) attended the school event. Interestingly, Decree of the Ministry of Education and Science has officially included the safe drive subject in the curriculum of civil defense education from new academic year of 2010.