

**Question for written answer P-002378/2019/rev.1
to the Council**

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Subject: Russian economic intimidation practices against Georgia, and support for the #spendyoursummerinGeorgia campaign

The Russian Government's recent political decision to vastly restrict Russian visitors' access to Georgia is an attempt to intimidate our close ally. If no European countermeasures are taken, an economic loss of several hundred million euros to the Georgian economy is projected as a result of the decline in Russian visitors. EU citizens and visitors from all over the world can close this gap and stabilise the economy in Georgia. The #spendyoursummerinGeorgia and #visitGeorgia campaigns have been launched and are running with this goal in mind. The European Union must also signal to all its partners and allies that it will not stand idly by when they are being intimidated politically, economically or militarily.

What action will the Council take in response to these politically motivated acts of intimidation to secure revocation of the ban?

How will the Council lend concrete support to the #spendyoursummerinGeorgia campaign and similar campaigns for Georgia?

What is the Council's position on Member States promoting alternative air routes to Georgia with a view to supporting the Georgian tourism sector?