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Joint Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, and Commissioner Štefan Füle on the results of Georgia's parliamentary elections

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission and Štefan Füle, Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, made the following statement:

The EU congratulates the Georgian Dream coalition on its election victory. The Georgian people have now spoken. Both responsible government and constructive opposition are essential parts of a functioning democratic society. We call on all representatives elected to the new parliament to work together in the interests of Georgia.

The generally positive conduct of parliamentary elections on 1 October, and the high level of voter participation, underscore Georgia's commitment to its democratic path. We take full note of ODIHR's preliminary assessment of the conduct of the elections which considers that the process has shown a healthy respect for fundamental freedoms at the heart of democratic elections.

We look forward to continued close cooperation with Georgia on our ambitious mutual agenda of political association and economic integration."