



*Delegation to the EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee,
the EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee
and the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee*

STATEMENT

BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION, MEP Sajjad KARIM

on the eighth meeting of the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee

Strasbourg, 28 March 2018 - “Yesterday and today, I had the honour to co-chair with Ms Tamar Khulordava, MP, the eighth meeting of the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee.

It was my last meeting in my capacity as Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with the South Caucasus.

The EU and Georgia enjoy a close relationship, which has been secured by the conclusion of an ambitious Association Agreement - including a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) that entered into force in 2016.

The EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee has regularly taken stock of Georgia’s impressive reform record in line with this Agreement, even if further approximation is still needed in some areas, and if amendments to the electoral law should tackle recommendations formulated by the OSCE/ODIHR, following the 2018 presidential election.

These achievements have given Georgia a special place among our Eastern Partnership Partners, which is all the more impressive as it faces a difficult geopolitical environment.

These findings have been, as is our custom, reflected in the Statement and recommendations which we have adopted at the end of our meeting.

I wish to thank all the members of this Association Committee for their work and dedication. I truly believe that we have brought the inter-parliamentary relations between the European Parliament and the Parliament of Georgia to a new level, and I am confident that our successors will maintain this trajectory.”

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