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(2021/2236(INI))

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Amendment 1

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Commission's Association Implementation Report on Georgia of 12 August 2022,*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to its previous resolutions on Georgia,

— having regard to its previous resolutions on Georgia, *in particular, that of 8 June 2022 on violations of media freedom and the safety of journalists and that of 16 September 2020 on the implementation of the EU Association Agreement with Georgia,*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the joint staff working document of the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for*

Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 10 August 2022 on the Association Implementation Report on Georgia (SWD(2022)215),

Or. en

Amendment 4
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— ***having regard to the Association Agenda between the European Union and Georgia for 2021-2027, adopted on 16 August 2022,***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— **having regard to the outcome of the *sixth* Association Council meeting between the EU and Georgia of *16 March 2021*,**

— **having regard to the outcome of the *seventh* Association Council meeting between the EU and Georgia of *6 September 2022*,**

Or. en

Amendment 6
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the outcome of the **sixth** Association Council meeting between the EU and Georgia of **16 March 2021**,

Amendment

— having regard to the outcome of the **seventh** Association Council meeting between the EU and Georgia of **6 September 2022**,

Or. en

Amendment 7

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— **having regard to the Joint Staff Working Document on Economic and Investment Plan for Eastern Partnership,**

Or. en

Amendment 8

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— **having regard to Reporters' Without Borders' World Press Freedom Index 2022,**

Or. en

Amendment 9

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Citation 10

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the opinion of the Council of Europe’s Venice Commission of 20 June 2022 on the December 2021 amendments to the organic law on common courts, its urgent opinion of 2 July 2021 on the amendments to the organic law on common courts, its urgent joint opinion of 5 July 2022 on the revised draft amendments to the election code, its opinion of 8 October 2020 on the draft organic law amending the organic law on common courts and its urgent opinion of 16 April 2019 on the selection and appointment of Supreme Court judges,

Amendment

— having regard to the **urgent** opinion of the Council of Europe’s Venice Commission **of 26 August 2022 on the Draft Law on the Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code adopted by the Parliament of Georgia on 7 June 2022, its opinion** of 20 June 2022 on the December 2021 amendments to the organic law on common courts, its urgent opinion of 2 July 2021 on the amendments to the organic law on common courts, its urgent joint opinion of 5 July 2022 on the revised draft amendments to the election code, its opinion of 8 October 2020 on the draft organic law amending the organic law on common courts and its urgent opinion of 16 April 2019 on the selection and appointment of Supreme Court judges,

Or. en

Amendment 10

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas Georgia submitted its application for EU membership on 3 March 2022 in the context of Russia’s military aggression against Ukraine;

Amendment

A. whereas Georgia submitted its application for EU membership on 3 March 2022 in the context of **new geopolitical situation resulting from Russia’s full-scale military aggression against Ukraine, providing a unique window of opportunity for fulfilling aspirations of Georgian people and successive governments since the Rose Revolution of 2003;**

Amendment 11

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas Georgia submitted its application for EU membership on 3 March 2022 in the context of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine;

Amendment

A. whereas Georgia submitted its application for EU membership on 3 March 2022 in the context of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine;
whereas the majority of Georgian people are in favour of the country's accession to the EU;

Amendment 12

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas Georgia submitted its application for EU membership on 3 March 2022 in the context of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine;

Amendment

A. whereas Georgia submitted its application for EU membership on 3 March 2022 in the context of ***continued strong public support for Georgia's European aspirations as well as*** Russia's military aggression against Ukraine;

Amendment 13

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas in its conclusions of 23-24 June 2022, the European Council ***recognised*** Georgia's ***European perspective and expressed its readiness to grant it candidate country status once the priorities specified in the Commission's opinion on Georgia's application have been addressed***;

Amendment

B. whereas in its conclusions of 23-24 June 2022, the European Council ***rejected*** Georgia's ***application for candidate status, merely recognising, in deliberately vague terms, its 'European perspective', which has no meaning in law***;

Or. fr

Amendment 14

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas Russia continues to threaten the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia inter alia via Putin's approval of a new foreign policy doctrine based on 'Russian World', a notion previously used to justify military intervention in Georgia in support of Russian speakers; whereas the doctrine promises to further deepen Moscow's ties with Abkhazia and Ossetia, two Georgian regions recognised as independent by Moscow after its war against Georgia in 2008;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the Russian Federation continues illegal occupation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia as well as the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement;*

Or. en

Amendment 16

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. *whereas Georgia continues to participate in civil and military crisis management operations under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and provides 32 troops to the EU military training mission in the Central African Republic and an officer to the EU Training Mission in Mali;*

Or. en

Amendment 17

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. *whereas more than 65,000 Russians and Belarusians have stayed in Georgia since the launch of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;*

Amendment 18
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bc. whereas the approval of doctrine was followed by Putin's statement stressing that Moscow will closely observe the conditions of Russian speakers after their large influx to Georgia due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Recital B d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bd. whereas constituting an act of violation of territorial integrity of Georgia, the de facto government of Abkhazia is handing over a strategic location of Bichvinta cape, including 115 hectares of sea space and 186 hectares of land, to the Russian Federation;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Recital B e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Be. *whereas all buildings and structures will become the property of the Russian Federal Protective Service; whereas de facto government also handed the country's energy infrastructure to Russia;*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Recital B f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bf. *whereas former President Mikheil Saakashvili, whose health has constantly been deteriorating, is still lacking proper care, which causes fears for his life;*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Anna Fotyga
on behalf of the ECR Group
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. *whereas the Russian Federation continues to violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia through illegal occupation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, which is a blatant breach of international law as well as the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement;*

Amendment 23
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the Russian Federation and its occupation regimes are deliberately hampering the safe and dignified return of IDPs and refugees, forcibly expelled as a result of ethnic cleansing from the Russian-occupied Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas Georgia continues to make progress in its implementation of the AA and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) and is continuing to align with the EU acquis and EU standards;

D. whereas Georgia continues to make progress in its implementation of the AA and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) and is continuing to align with the EU acquis and EU standards; ***whereas the Commission notes that “concerns remain in the key areas of rule of law (including the judiciary) and governance, and human rights have suffered significant setbacks” in its 2022 Association Implementation Report on Georgia;***

Or. en

Amendment 25

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the Russian Federation continues the process of "creeping" annexation of Georgia's occupied territories, including through the intentions of holding the so-called referendum in the Tskhinvali region on the matter of "joining" Russia, transfer of the "Bichvinta" property complex and the surrounding area to the Russian Federation, as well as further incorporation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali/South Ossetia into military, economic, justice, social and other sectors of the Russian Federation;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas a number of crucial laws, such as on the functioning of the judiciary and key appointment procedures, procedures for covert surveillance, and the disbandment of the State Inspector's Service, were rushed through Parliament without the necessary consultations or analysis of compliance with EU or Council of Europe standards,

*as noted in the Commission's 2022
Association Implementation Report on
Georgia;*

Or. en

Amendment 27

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Da. whereas the freedom of media in
Georgia has worsened, ranking 89th
among 180 countries in 2022 World Press
Freedom Index, as opposed to ranking
60th in 2021;***

Or. en

Amendment 28

**Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė,
Andrius Kubilius**

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Da. whereas freedom of expression,
freedom of media and the safety of
journalists are a cornerstone of a
functioning democracy;***

Or. en

Amendment 29

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas Russia and its proxies continue the policy of ethnic cleansing, discrimination, frequent kidnappings and illegal detentions, damaging of Georgian cultural heritage, erection of barbed wire fences and other artificial barriers, lengthy closure of so-called crossing points along the occupation line, as well as other severe forms of human rights violations of Georgians in the occupied territories of Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas media freedom in Georgia has deteriorated over the past years, including the safety of journalists; whereas the Georgian media landscape is diverse but also polarised and characterised by sensationalism; whereas the public's trust in media is very low in Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas the 19 April 2021 Agreement, mediated by the President of the European Council, underlined the need to address politicised justice through judicial reform in order to increase the independence, transparency and accountability of the judicial system;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas the Russian Federation continues the illegal occupation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia in blatant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas the continued ethnic cleansing, discrimination and other severe forms of human rights violations of Georgians in the Russian occupied territories of Georgia, erection of barbed wire fences and other artificial barriers and lengthy closure of so-called crossing

points along the occupation line, as well as the illegal detentions and kidnappings of the Georgian citizens by the Russian occupation forces destabilize the situation throughout the country;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

**Motion for a resolution
Recital D c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas the media environment of Georgia continues to deteriorate and, in the recent years, an unprecedented high number of violent physical attacks against journalists have occurred in Georgia; whereas in 2022 Georgia fell in the World Press Freedom Index from 60th to 89th place out of 180;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Anna Fotyga
on behalf of the ECR Group
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

**Motion for a resolution
Recital D c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas the Russian Federation and its occupation regimes are deliberately hampering the safe and dignified return of IDPs and refugees, forcibly expelled as a result of ethnic cleansing from the Russia-occupied Georgian regions of Abkhazia and

Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas anti-EU propaganda and disinformation have significantly increased recently in Georgian media and social networks; whereas members of the ruling party continue using polarising and hostile language when referring to the European institutions and their representatives;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dd. whereas selective investigations and prosecutions targeting those critical of the current government undermine public trust not only in judicial institutions, but also in the Georgian authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Dd. whereas discrimination against
LGBTIQ+ persons is still widespread;
whereas gender equality remains a
challenge, in particular the issues of
gender-based and domestic violence;***

Or. en

Amendment 39
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***De. whereas Georgia ranked
respectively 49th out of 154 countries on
the World Economic Forum's Global
Gender Gap Index for 2021 and 55th out
of 146 countries for 2022, which notes
deteriorations in the fields of educational
attainment, health and survival, and
political empowerment;***

Or. en

Amendment 40
**Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Radosław Sikorski, Rasa
Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius**

Motion for a resolution
Recital D e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

De. whereas former President Mikheil Saakashvili, whose health has been constantly deteriorating, continues to be incarcerated;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Recital D f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Df. whereas Nika Gvaramia, the director of the TV channel Mtavari, has been sentenced to three and a half years in prison on dubious charges of money laundering, bribery and document forgery;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Recital D g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dg. whereas 20% of Georgian territory continues to be occupied by the Russian Federation;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution
Recital D h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dh. whereas Russia continues to employ disinformation, cyber attacks and other hybrid methods to undermine Georgia's societal and institutional resilience;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution
Recital D i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Di. whereas the Russian Federation has intensified the annexation of Georgia's occupied territories, including through the intentions of holding the so-called 'referendum' in the Tskhinvali/South Ossetia region on the matter of 'joining' the Russian Federation, transfer of the "Bichvinta" property complex and the surrounding area to the Russian Federation, as well as the incorporation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali/South Ossetia in military, economic, justice, social and other spheres of the Russian Federation;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Recital D j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dj. *whereas ethnic cleansing, discrimination and other severe forms of human rights violations of Georgians in the Russian occupied territories of Georgia, erection of barbed wire fences and other artificial barriers and lengthy closure of so-called crossing points along the 'Administrative Border Line' continue to destabilise Georgia;*

Or. en

Amendment 46

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Recital D k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dk. *whereas the Russian Federation and its occupation regimes are deliberately hampering the safe and dignified return of IDPs and refugees, forcibly expelled as a result of ethnic cleansing from the Russian-occupied Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia;*

Or. en

Amendment 47

Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Welcomes the decision of the

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European Council to recognise Georgia's European perspective; notes that this decision is a strong signal of political support for the European aspirations of the people of Georgia; reiterates that to be granted candidate status, Georgia needs to successfully address the key priorities indicated by the Commission in its opinion on Georgia's application for membership of the European Union;

European Council to recognise Georgia's European perspective; notes that this decision is a strong signal of political support for the European aspirations of the people of Georgia; reiterates that to be granted candidate status, Georgia needs to successfully address the *twelve* key priorities, ***including de-oligarchisation and de-polarisation, as*** indicated by the Commission in its opinion on Georgia's application for membership of the European Union ***and endorsed by the European Council;***

Or. en

Amendment 48

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Welcomes*** the decision of the European Council to ***recognise Georgia's European perspective; notes that this decision is a strong signal of political support for the European aspirations of the people of Georgia; reiterates that to be granted candidate status, Georgia needs to successfully address the key priorities indicated by the Commission in its opinion on Georgia's application for membership of the European Union;***

Amendment

1. ***Notes*** the decision of the European Council to ***refuse to grant candidate country status to Georgia, a reality that cannot be masked by any satisfaction derived from the recognition of a so-called 'European perspective', which does not correspond to any status and does not confer any rights;***

Or. fr

Amendment 49

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Emphasises that the European perspective, just as the Association Agreement, covers the entire territory of Georgia, including its occupied regions;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

2. Stresses, in this regard, that the de facto autonomy of the territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia since 2008 constitutes a serious obstacle to compliance with the Copenhagen criteria as regards the stability of the state; stresses that compliance with these criteria is essential in order for the prospect of European Union membership to be envisaged;

Or. fr

Amendment 51

Urmās Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; ***calls on the Georgian authorities to take into account the Plan of Action "12 steps towards the EU candidacy" elaborated by the civil society organisations and to actively and openly engage CSOs in implementing the key priorities set forward by the EU Commission***; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership; ***stresses that fulfilling the political criteria is as much necessary as implementing the formal criteria, and reminds a historical case when accession process was stopped due to democracy problems in an applicant country;***

Or. en

Amendment 53

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's

Amendment

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law, ***human rights*** and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in

opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

the Commission's opinion *and the 19 April Agreement* in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to **determinedly** pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022; calls on all Georgian political

Amendment

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold **and ensure** the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to **resolutely** pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; calls on the Georgian authorities to initiate and lead the work on **addressing** these priorities in an inclusive manner before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022;

forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

calls on all Georgian political forces **and civil society** to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; ***calls on*** the Georgian authorities to ***initiate and lead the work on these priorities*** in an inclusive manner ***before the Commission reports on their implementation by the end of 2022***; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Georgian authorities to uphold the highest standards of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and to determinedly pursue the priorities for reform set out in the Commission's opinion in order to unambiguously demonstrate their political determination to implement the nation's ambitious European aspirations, as expressed by the application for EU membership that Georgia submitted on 3 March 2022; ***welcomes the immediate steps made by Georgia to initiate the working process addressing these priorities and encourages*** the Georgian authorities to ***lead this process*** in an inclusive ***and transparent*** manner; calls on all Georgian political forces to constructively participate in and contribute to these efforts; stresses that Georgia's bid for accession to the EU will continue to be assessed based on its own merits and its success in meeting the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Andrea Bocskor, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. *Underlines that the criteria for candidate status should be applied equally to all countries and that the candidate status of countries should be considered on the basis of the same values and criteria, while emphasizes that the accession criteria and the Copenhagen criteria should be binding for all candidates in the accession procedure; at the same time stresses that Georgia and Georgian people deserve the candidate status of the European Union;*

Or. en

Amendment 57
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. *Welcomes the Georgian government's willingness to address the priorities for granting candidate status set out in the Commission's opinion and encourages all political parties to contribute to the work necessary to fulfil these priorities; emphasises the crucial need to ensure the meaningful involvement of civil society in decision-making processes at all levels;*

Or. en

Amendment 58

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Highlights the important role and full involvement of Georgian civil society in monitoring and supporting democratic reforms; calls for its transparent involvement and active participation in the working groups setup to implement the key priorities identified by the Commission;

Or. en

**Amendment 59
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Encourages Georgia to continue its enhanced cooperation with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova as the ‘Associated Trio’;

3. Encourages Georgia to continue its enhanced cooperation with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova as the ‘Associated Trio’ **and to use this forum for exchanging best practices on preparations to fulfil the EU membership criteria and for the future accession process;**

Or. en

**Amendment 60
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Encourages Georgia to continue its enhanced cooperation with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova as the ‘Associated Trio’;

Amendment

3. Encourages Georgia to continue its enhanced cooperation with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova as the ‘Associated Trio’ ***at all levels of governance and to boost regional cooperation via multilevel and multi-institutional dialogue;***

Or. en

Amendment 61

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Encourages Georgia to continue its enhanced cooperation with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova as the ‘Associated Trio’;

Amendment

3. Encourages Georgia to continue its enhanced cooperation with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova as the ‘Associated Trio’, ***as well as regional cooperation in the South Caucasus under the EU's Eastern Partnership initiative;***

Or. en

Amendment 62

David McAllister

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Encourages Georgia to continue its enhanced cooperation with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova ***as the ‘Associated Trio’;***

Amendment

3. Encourages Georgia to continue its enhanced cooperation with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Territorial integrity and security

Or. en

Amendment 64

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on all the stakeholders to update the terminology used in the context of Georgia's territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders and admit the fact of occupation of Abkhazia / South Ossetia (Tskhinvali) by the Russian Federation, and thus refrain from calling them "breakaway territories" and using the term ABL (Administrative Boundary Line), changing it to "occupied territories" and "Illegal Occupation Line" respectively;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine ***calls for unity and solidarity on the part of the international community***; welcomes the strong response of Georgian society in support of Ukraine; calls for political alignment by the Georgian authorities and all political stakeholders with EU positions on this important matter, in line with the country's European ambitions;

Amendment

4. Underlines that ***impunity which followed the 2008 invasion on Georgia is one of the factors that allowed*** Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; ***is of the opinion that the Ukrainian victory not only will bring freedom to occupied Donbas and Crimea, but also will be decisive for the restoration of the territorial integrity of Georgia***; welcomes the strong response of Georgian society in support of Ukraine; calls for political alignment by the Georgian authorities and all political stakeholders with EU positions on this important matter, in line with the country's European ambitions;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine calls for unity and solidarity on the part of the international community; welcomes the strong response of Georgian society in support of Ukraine; calls for political alignment by the Georgian authorities and all political stakeholders with EU positions on this important matter, in line with the country's European ambitions;

Amendment

4. Underlines that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine calls for unity and solidarity on the part of the international community; welcomes the strong response of Georgian society in support of Ukraine; ***regrets the fact that Georgia has not aligned with EU sanctions following Russia's invasion of Ukraine***; calls for political alignment by the Georgian authorities and all political stakeholders with EU positions on this important matter, in line with the country's European ambitions;

Or. en

Amendment 67
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine calls for unity and solidarity on the part of the international community; welcomes the strong response of Georgian society in support of Ukraine; calls for political alignment by the Georgian authorities and all political stakeholders with EU positions on this important matter, in line with the country's European ambitions;

Amendment

4. Underlines that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine calls for unity and solidarity on the part of the international community; welcomes the strong response of Georgian society in support of Ukraine; calls for political alignment by the Georgian authorities and all political stakeholders with EU positions on this important matter, in line with the country's European ambitions; ***calls on the authorities to ensure that EU sanctions are not circumvented via Georgia;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Mick Wallace, Manu Pineda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine calls for ***unity and solidarity*** on the part of the international community; ***welcomes the strong response of Georgian society in support of Ukraine; calls for political alignment by the Georgian authorities and all political stakeholders with EU positions on this important matter, in line with the country's European ambitions;***

Amendment

4. Underlines that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine calls for ***increased dialogue and efforts towards peace*** on the part of the international community ***as the continuation of the war is not only causing destruction and enormous loss of lives in Ukraine but has the potential to lead to destabilisation across Europe and beyond;***

Or. en

Amendment 69

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Is concerned with reports that Russian people and entities are allegedly using Georgia to bypass Western sanctions; calls on the EU institutions to further examine these allegations, in particular various reports, including one by Ukrainian National Agency on Corruption Prevention, about Bidzina Ivanishvili's ties to Russia; should these allegations be confirmed, calls for personal sanctions to be introduced against him and his closest associates;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Notes with concern the ruling party's anti-Western rhetoric and continuous assaults on Georgia's strategic partners undermining long-standing efforts of Georgia to advance on its European path;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission to adopt the release of the former president as a precondition for granting the Candidate Status; reiterates its calls on the Georgian authorities to release Mikhail Saakashvili from prison on humanitarian grounds in order to allow him to undergo proper medical treatment abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4c. Reiterates its calls on the Council and democratic partners to impose personal sanctions on Ivanishvili for his role in the deterioration of the political process in Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial

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integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution *of the conflict*, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; notes with concern the continuation of illegal ‘borderisation’ activities *in the occupied regions*; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful *conflict* resolution *and end to Russian occupation of Georgian territory*, including through the *effective and result-orientated functioning of* Geneva International Discussions *and Incident Prevention and Response Mechanisms (IPRMs) in Gali and Ergneti*, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia, *as well as the policy of non-recognition and engagement*; notes with concern the continuation of illegal ‘borderisation’ activities, *illegal detentions and kidnappings and restriction on freedom of movement along the Administrative Border Line*; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment; *calls on the EU to further enhance its engagement for the peaceful resolution of the Russia-Georgia conflict, by effectively using all the instruments, including the Special Representative(EUSR) for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia, the Geneva International Discussions (GID), the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanisms (IPRMs), the EUMM in Georgia, as well as the policy of non-recognition and engagement*;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls **for the continuation of** efforts to **achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution of the conflict**, including through the **Geneva International Discussions**, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; notes with concern the continuation of illegal 'borderisation' activities in the occupied regions; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls **to strengthen** efforts to **reverse consequences of Russia's invasion on Georgia in 2008**, including through the **effective and result-oriented functioning of Incident Prevention and Response Mechanisms(IPRMs) in Gali and Ergneti**, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia **as well as the policy of non-recognition and punishment for atrocities and crimes committed by the aggressor and its proxies; emphasizes that any security formats which include the Russian Federation proved to be ineffective, which include the case of the Geneva International Discussions, lasting already for 14 years**; notes with concern the continuation of illegal 'borderisation' activities, **illegal detentions, kidnappings and restriction on freedom of movement along the occupation line**; in the occupied regions; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution of the conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; notes with concern the continuation of illegal 'borderisation' activities in the occupied regions; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution of the conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; notes with concern the continuation of illegal 'borderisation' activities in the occupied regions; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment; ***calls on the EU to continue to pursue all available means and instruments, including the Special Representative (EUSR) for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia, the Geneva International Discussions (GID), the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanisms (IPRMs), the EUMM in Georgia, as well as the policy of non-recognition and engagement in order to achieve a peaceful and durable solution to the Russia - Georgia conflict;***

Or. en

Amendment 76
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution of the conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; ***notes with concern the continuation of*** illegal 'borderisation' activities in the occupied regions; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution of the conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; ***strongly condemns the Russian Federation's illegal occupation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali/South Ossetia and the continued*** illegal 'borderisation' activities in the occupied ***regions***; ***reiterates its call on the Russian Federation to implement the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement, withdraw its military and security forces from Georgia's occupied territories and allow establishment of international security mechanisms inside those*** regions; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution of the conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; ***notes with concern*** the continuation of illegal 'borderisation' activities in the occupied regions; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

5. Reiterates its steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders; calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution of the conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; ***condemns Russia's continued military presence on Georgia's territory***, the continuation of illegal 'borderisation' activities in the occupied regions ***of Georgia, unlawful detentions of the local population, severe restrictions on rights related to freedom of movement, education and the discrimination against ethnic Georgians in Gali and Akhalkalaki districts***; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the ongoing activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia; **condemns** the continuation of illegal ‘borderisation’ activities in the occupied regions; calls on the Council to extend the mandate of EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia beyond 14 December 2022 and to provide it with a budget that is commensurate with its tasks to stabilise and normalise the situation and build confidence between the parties in the conflict in an increasingly tense security environment;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the EEAS to prepare a thorough report of violations of the 2008 ceasefire agreement for which the EU as the mediator of the 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement bears special responsibility, identify and communicate clearly the provisions which have still not been fulfilled by the Russian Federation and submit recommendations which could induce the Russian Federation to fulfil its international obligations, notably to withdraw all its military forces from Georgia’s occupied territories and allow establishment of international security mechanisms therein, to allow the EUMM unhindered access to the whole territory of Georgia pursuant to its mandate;

Amendment 80
Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Stresses that Georgia must put utmost effort to seize the historic opportunity for EU integration, which opened up due to heroic struggle of Ukraine in the face of military aggression of Russia waged against freedom and democracy and our common values; the main goal of the Kremlin against Georgia is to paralyse the geopolitical will of Georgia so that it would not seek the integration into Euro-Atlantic community, therefore the only way for Georgia to protect itself from the Kremlin's hybrid and other type of attacks is to do its utmost to ensure fulfilment of all 12 conditions in the nearest future;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Condemns the illegal occupation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia by the Russian Federation, expresses concern over the dire security, humanitarian and human rights situation in Georgia's occupied territories, and strongly

denounces the violation of right of IDPs and refugees forcibly expelled from Georgia's occupied territories as result of ethnic cleansing to return to their homes in safety and dignity;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Condemns the illegal occupation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia by the Russian Federation; expresses concern over the dire security, humanitarian and human rights situation in Georgia's occupied territories, and strongly denounces the violation of right of IDPs and refugees forcibly expelled from Georgia's occupied territories to return to their homes in safety and dignity;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Expresses concern regarding Georgia's decreasing alignment rate with relevant EU High Representative statements on behalf of the EU and Council Decisions and calls for Georgia to reverse this trend;

Amendment 84

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Condemns the illegal occupation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia by the Russian Federation, expresses concern over the dire security, humanitarian and human rights situation in Georgia's occupied territories, and strongly denounces the violation of right of IDPs and refugees forcibly expelled from Georgia's occupied territories as result of ethnic cleansing to return to their homes in safety and dignity;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Russian Federation to fulfil its international obligations under the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement, notably to withdraw all its military and security personnel from Georgia's occupied territories and allow establishment of international security mechanisms therein, to allow the EUMM unhindered access to the whole territory of Georgia pursuant to its

mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Russian Federation to fulfil its international obligations under the EU-mediated 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement, notably to withdraw all its military and security from Georgia's occupied territories and allow establishment of international security mechanisms therein, to allow the EUMM unhindered access to the whole territory of Georgia pursuant to its mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Condemns the intensified ethnic discrimination and other forms of violations of human rights of Georgians who remain in the occupied territories; expresses concern over the violation of the right to receive education in native language and consistent impunity, as seen in connection with the fatal cases of murder of Mr Basharuli, Mr Otkhozoria,

***Mr Tatunashvili and Mr Kvaratskhelia;
demands that Russia and its occupation
regimes in Sokhumi and Tskhinvali
immediately release illegally detained
Georgian citizens, reopen the closed so-
called crossing points without delay, allow
freedom of movement, and stop the policy
of ethnic cleansing towards the Georgians
residing in the occupied territories;***

Or. en

Amendment 88
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***5c. Welcomes Georgia's continued
efforts to strengthen its international law
enforcement cooperation with Europol
and the EU Agency for Law Enforcement
Training (CEPOL), including the
signature of a new working arrangement
between CEPOL and Georgia on 22 June
2022, which will enhance sharing of
knowledge, expertise, best practices and
coordinated approaches to learning;***

Or. en

Amendment 89
Anna Fotyga
on behalf of the ECR Group
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***5d. Encourages the Georgian
authorities to establish a special***

mechanism for international consultation and coordination similar to the Crimea Platform successfully implemented by Ukraine, aimed at improving the effectiveness of the international response to the ongoing occupation of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, responding to growing security threats, increasing international pressure on the Kremlin, preventing further rights violations and protecting victims of the occupation regime, as well as achieving the main goal - de-occupation of the regions and their return to Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5e. Calls for an increased assistance and enhanced partnership in the area of security and defence with Georgia as declared in the EU Strategic Compass, including through the European Peace Facility; welcomes EU's commitment and determination to support Georgia in countering hybrid threats and building resilience;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5f. Calls on the Council and the EEAS to further engage with Georgia on the CSDP, particularly in view of Georgia's interest in discussing the possibility of participating in PESCO projects and in developing cooperation with the relevant EU agencies, with a view to enhancing Georgia's resilience, in particular from threats emanating from dictatorships such as the Russian Federation, China and Iran;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5g. Welcomes the recognition in the Strategic Compass of the maritime security in the Black Sea as of key importance for the EU's security; calls on the EU to identify robust assistance to Georgia in cyber-security, maritime security and countering hybrid threats among the priorities of the EU-US and EU-NATO cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Regrets that deep polarisation continues to be the defining feature of Georgia's political environment; calls on all political stakeholders to unite their forces around the key goal of Georgia's EU membership through the implementation of ambitious democratic, judicial and anti-corruption reforms; reiterates that the core provisions of the EU-brokered agreement of 19 April 2021 continue to present *a* pathway towards strengthening democracy and the rule of law in Georgia;

Amendment

6. Regrets that deep polarisation continues to be the defining feature of Georgia's political environment, *and which continues to fuel societal divisions*; calls on all political stakeholders to *refrain from divisive and inflammatory rhetoric*, *and* unite their forces around the key goal of Georgia's EU membership through the implementation of ambitious democratic, judicial and anti-corruption reforms; *stresses with concern that deep polarisation continues to undermine Georgia's resilience, in particular, in the face of continued geopolitical challenges and Russian disinformation which seeks to further divide Georgian society*; reiterates that the core provisions of the EU-brokered agreement of 19 April 2021 continue to present *the best* pathway towards strengthening democracy and the rule of law in Georgia; *calls on all political forces to return to and abide by the April 19 Agreement; notes that provisions of the 19 April Agreement have been incorporated in the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027; calls on the Government of Georgia to ensure their strict implementation*;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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forces around the key goal of Georgia's EU membership through the implementation of ambitious democratic, judicial and anti-corruption reforms; reiterates that the core provisions of the EU-brokered agreement of 19 April 2021 continue to present a pathway towards strengthening democracy and the rule of law in Georgia;

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Or. en

Amendment 95

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

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6. Regrets that deep polarisation continues to be the defining feature of Georgia's political environment; calls on all political stakeholders to unite their forces around the key goal of Georgia's EU membership through the implementation of ambitious democratic, judicial and anti-corruption reforms; reiterates that the core provisions of the EU-brokered agreement of 19 April 2021 continue to present a pathway towards strengthening democracy and the rule of law in Georgia;

Amendment

6. Regrets that deep polarisation continues to be the defining feature of Georgia's political environment; calls on all political stakeholders to unite their forces around the key goal of Georgia's EU membership through the implementation of ambitious democratic, judicial and anti-corruption reforms; reiterates that the core provisions of the EU-brokered agreement of 19 April 2021 continue to present a pathway towards strengthening democracy and the rule of law in Georgia, ***and invites Georgia's ruling party and the opposition to recommit to full implementation of 19 April Agreement;***

Or. en

Amendment 96

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. ***Regrets*** that ***deep*** polarisation ***continues to be the defining*** feature of Georgia's political environment; ***calls on all political stakeholders to unite their forces around the key goal of Georgia's EU membership through the implementation of ambitious democratic, judicial and anti-corruption reforms; reiterates that the core provisions of the EU-brokered agreement of 19 April 2021 continue to present a pathway towards strengthening democracy and the rule of law in Georgia;***

Amendment

6. ***Notes*** that polarisation ***remains a*** feature of Georgia's political environment; ***stresses that such polarisation in no way precludes the exercise of democracy, which consists in opposing views being debated, not neutralised within a permanent consensus;***

Or. fr

Amendment 97

Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. ***Stresses that addressing the issue of political polarisation, through ensuring cooperation across political parties in the spirit of the April 19 agreement, is at the top of the recommendations laid out by the European Commission and must be addressed as an immediate priority; regrets that instead the Georgian ruling party representatives embarked on a blame-game against the opposition parties and NGOs;***

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 98

Urmaz Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Georgian authorities to follow European Commission's recommendation and ensure credible involvement of civil society in decision-making processes at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Emphasises the need to build and increase trust among all political and institutional actors, as well as between them and the Georgian people;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Deplores the aggressive rhetoric targeting international allies of Georgia's European path, namely the US and the EU ambassadors, as incompatible with the status of EU applicant country;

Amendment 101
Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. *Regrets that the actions and rhetoric of the Georgian Dream representatives further escalate the polarisation of Georgia's political environment and may point to a deliberate sabotage of Georgia's European future by the governing political party;*

Or. en

Amendment 102
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Calls on the Georgian authorities to complete the country's electoral reform and address persistent shortcomings in electoral campaigns and the conduct of elections in time for the 2024 parliamentary elections and in line with the OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

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Or. en

Amendment 103

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Is concerned over refusal by the ruling party to include the International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) to the electoral reforms working group; expresses its full confidence in, and appreciation of, ISFED's work in monitoring and reporting on election processes in Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Regrets the decision of the governing Georgian Dream party to withdraw from the agreement of April 19, 2021 and calls on the government to return to the agreement and start its implementation immediately, as it presents the way forward towards depolarization and implementing reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Reminds the government of Georgia of its promise to decrease the electoral threshold for the parliamentary elections to 2 % and urges them to do so before the next Commission assessment at the end of 2022;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Calls on the Georgian authorities to amend the electoral law in order to facilitate the voting process abroad, among others through postal voting, considering the unprecedented high number of Georgians living abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Underlines the need to eliminate the excessive influence of ***vested interests, including oligarchs***, in economic, political and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted

8. Underlines the need to eliminate the excessive influence of ***the oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili***, in economic, political and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted

candidate status;

candidate status; *in this regard reiterates its concern with the role played by him in the Georgian politics, especially the ongoing trend of nomination of his close former associates to the highest positions in the country, thanks to which he retains high level of control over the government and its decisions, including those on politically-motivated persecution of journalist supporting the opposition; is deeply worried by Ivanishvili's personal and business links to the Kremlin which determine the position of the current government of Georgia towards sanctions on Russia; therefore reiterates its call on the Council and transatlantic partners to consider imposing personal sanctions on Mr Ivanishvili as person directly responsible for current backsliding in the areas of democracy, media freedom and ambiguous relations with Russia;*

Or. en

Amendment 108

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the need to eliminate the excessive influence of vested interests, including *oligarchs*, in economic, political and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted candidate status;

Amendment

8. Underlines the need to eliminate the excessive influence of vested interests, including *overarching control of the government by oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili*, in economic, political and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted candidate status;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the need to eliminate the excessive influence of vested interests, ***including oligarchs, in economic, political*** and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted candidate status;

Amendment

8. Underlines the need to eliminate the excessive influence of vested interests ***of the sole oligarch, Bidzina Ivanishvili, in Georgia's politics, economy*** and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted candidate status;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the need to eliminate the excessive influence of vested interests, ***including oligarchs***, in economic, political and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted candidate status;

Amendment

8. Underlines the need to eliminate the excessive influence of vested interests ***of the sole oligarch, Bidzina Ivanishvili***, in economic, political and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted candidate status;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

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excessive influence of vested interests, including *oligarch - Bidzina Ivanishvili*, in economic, political and public life as one of the priorities identified by the Commission to be addressed before Georgia is granted candidate status;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Reiterates its concern over the destructive role played by the sole oligarch, Bidzina Ivanishvili, in Georgia's politics and economy, and the level of control he exerts over the government and its decisions, including those on the politically motivated persecution of journalists and political opponents; is deeply worried by Ivanishvili's exposed personal and business links to the Kremlin, which determine the position of the current Government of Georgia towards sanctions on Russia; calls on the Council and democratic partners to consider imposing personal sanctions on Ivanishvili for his role in the deterioration of the political process;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Georgian authorities to put an end to politically motivated persecution of political opponents; notes that the decision of the court to convict the leaders of Lelo for Georgia party, Mamuka Khazaradze and Badri Japaridze, and using the court's verdict to strip Japaridze of his parliamentary mandate is a clear demonstration of a case of politicized justice;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Georgian authorities to allow the convicted former president Mikheil Saakashvili to seek medical treatment abroad on humanitarian grounds and as a means of reducing political polarisation;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Underlines Georgia's role as a reliable security partner of the EU through its significant contributions to EU CSDP operations;

Amendment 116

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Reiterates its call on the Georgian authorities to release former President Mikhail Saakashvili from prison on humanitarian grounds so that he can receive proper medical treatment abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Regrets that the reform of the judiciary has stalled and even regressed in key areas, while the human rights situation has deteriorated;

Or. en

Amendment 118

David McAllister

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Underlines the importance of implementing a genuine and thorough justice reform on the basis of a transparent

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and effective post-2021 judicial reform strategy and action plan through a broad, inclusive and cross-party consultation process; calls on the authorities to address the shortcomings identified by the Venice Commission in the nomination and appointment of judges at all levels and of the Prosecutor-General in order to bring the process fully in line with European standards; calls for a thorough reform of the High Council of Justice to be carried out and for its remaining members to be appointed;

and effective post-2021 judicial reform strategy and action plan through a broad, inclusive and cross-party consultation process; calls on the authorities to address the shortcomings identified by the Venice Commission in the nomination and appointment of judges at all levels and of the Prosecutor-General in order to bring the process fully in line with European standards; calls for a thorough reform of the High Council of Justice to be carried out and for its remaining members to be appointed; ***underlines the mutually agreed EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027 in this regard and highlights the commitments made by the Georgian authorities, in particular to reform the Judiciary, including the High Council of Justice and the Prosecutor General;***

Or. en

Amendment 119

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the importance of implementing **a** genuine and thorough justice reform on the basis of a transparent and effective post-2021 judicial reform strategy and action plan through a broad, inclusive and cross-party consultation process; calls on the authorities to address the shortcomings identified by the Venice Commission in the nomination and appointment of judges at all levels and of the Prosecutor-General in order to bring the process fully in line with European standards; calls for a thorough reform of the High Council of Justice to be carried out and for its remaining members to be

Amendment

9. Underlines the importance of implementing **an ambitious**, genuine and thorough justice reform on the basis of a transparent and effective post-2021 judicial reform strategy and action plan through a broad, inclusive and cross-party consultation process; calls on the authorities to address the shortcomings identified by the Venice Commission in the nomination and appointment of judges at all levels and of the Prosecutor-General in order to bring the process fully in line with European standards; calls for a thorough reform of the High Council of Justice to be carried out and for its remaining members

appointed;

to be appointed;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Georgian authorities to release former President Mikheil Saakashvili from prison on humanitarian grounds in order to allow him to undergo proper medical treatment abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 121

David McAllister

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Stresses that hasty and non-transparent actions in making key appointments or institutional changes only reinforce the perception of politicised justice; in this respect notes, in particular, that the Supreme Court judges were appointed before the shortcomings in the nomination process identified by ODIHR and the Venice Commission were addressed; reiterates that the lack of progress on judicial reform meant that the conditions for receiving the EUR 75 million tranche of EU macro-financial assistance by September 2021 were not fulfilled;

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competence;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that hasty and non-transparent actions in making key appointments or institutional changes only reinforce the *perception of politicised justice*; in this respect notes, in particular, that the Supreme Court judges were appointed before the shortcomings in the nomination process identified by ODIHR and the Venice Commission were addressed; reiterates that the lack of progress on judicial reform meant that the conditions for receiving the EUR 75 million tranche of EU macro-financial assistance by September 2021 were not fulfilled;

Amendment

10. Stresses that hasty and non-transparent actions in making key appointments or institutional changes only reinforce the *politicisation of the judiciary*; in this respect notes, in particular, that the Supreme Court judges were appointed before the shortcomings in the nomination process identified by ODIHR and the Venice Commission were addressed; reiterates that the lack of progress on judicial reform meant that the conditions for receiving the EUR 75 million tranche of EU macro-financial assistance by September 2021 were not fulfilled;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 124

Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Georgian authorities to strengthen the independence of its Anti-Corruption Agency, in particular to rigorously address high-level corruption cases, and to provide it with adequate means and resources to fully exercise its mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Georgian government to take urgent action to depoliticise the judiciary; expects the EEAS and EU Delegation on the ground to monitor all trials in Georgia related to politically

motivated cases;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Underlines the importance of further strengthening administrative capacity at central and local government level;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Regrets that the number of organised crime convictions remains relatively low compared to the estimated value of the criminal market;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Georgian authorities to effectively investigate the massive illegal wiretapping revealed in September 2021; is concerned about the amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia that increase the number of crimes for which covert investigative actions are permitted and the duration of these actions, which were adopted by the Georgian Parliament on 7 June 2022 and vetoed by the President on 22 June 2022; calls on the **Parliament of Georgia to ask the Venice Commission to issue an opinion and to implement its recommendations**;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Georgian authorities to effectively investigate the massive illegal wiretapping revealed in September 2021; is concerned about the amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia that increase the number of crimes for which covert investigative actions are permitted and the duration of these actions, which were adopted by the Georgian Parliament on 7 June 2022 and vetoed by the President on 22 June 2022; calls on the **Georgian authorities to follow recommendations of the Venice Commission issued on 26 August 2022, in particular to ensure a transparent, rational and inclusive legislative process by including the relevant stakeholders and civil society**;

Or. en

Amendment 129
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 130

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 131

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Georgia to *ask* the Venice *Commission* to *issue an opinion and to implement its* recommendations;

Georgia to *implement* the Venice *Commission's* recommendations *on this matter*;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Expresses its concern over the significant deterioration in recent years of the situation of media and the safety of journalists in Georgia; condemns the increasing number of cases of intimidation, threats, and violence against and persecution of journalists, including an increasing number of criminal investigations against media workers and owners; calls on Georgia to ensure media freedom, which entails editorial independence, transparent media ownership, and pluralistic, impartial and non-discriminatory coverage of political views in programming by private and in particular public broadcasters, and especially during electoral campaign periods, as well as unhindered access to information that is supposed to be publicly available and to ensure the safety, protection and empowerment of journalists and other media professionals; calls on all the representatives of the Georgian authorities to refrain from using aggressive rhetoric and discriminatory treatment towards media representatives in Georgia and to advocate for a tolerant approach respectful of human rights in their public statements;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Expresses its concerns about the significant deterioration of the media situation and the safety of journalists in Georgia in recent years, despite Georgia's strong legal framework for freedom of expression and media freedom; calls on Georgia to ensure freedom of the media, which should include editorial independence, transparency of media ownership and pluralistic, impartial and non-discriminatory coverage of political views in the programmes of private and, in particular, public broadcasters, including during election campaigns; calls on Georgia to ensure unhindered access to information that is supposed to be available to the public, and to ensure the safety, protection and empowerment of journalists and other media professionals;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on all stakeholders to safeguard the pluralistic and diverse media landscape in Georgia, which are based on solid legal framework that

should provide a sound basis for freedom of expression and media rights but is under constant pressure from the ruling party; in this regard reminds about the case of Nika Gvaramia, former director of Rustavi 2 and Mtavari TV, outlets critical to the current government, and reiterates its call to release him;

Notes the judgement of the Supreme Court of Georgia regarding the financial transparency of media and welcomes the efforts of the Communications Commission aiming at ensuring the availability to the public of detailed information related to funding sources of broadcasters;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Regrets the sentencing of Nika Gvaramia, the director of a critical media Mtavari Arkhi, persecution of founders and directors of other critical media outlets, namely David Kezerashvili of Formula TV and Vakhtang Tsereteli of Pirveli TV, as well as the practice of suing critical media for libel, as putting political pressure on independent media; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure media freedom and safety of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Reiterates its concern about the serious deterioration of the media situation and the safety of journalists in Georgia; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure media freedom and a safe working environment for media workers, to put an end to the politically motivated persecution of critical media outlets and their owners, and reiterates its calls for a review of the conviction of Nika Gvaramia;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Notes that, despite Georgia's legal framework for guaranteeing freedom of expression and freedom of media, there is continued deterioration of the media environment and the safety of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 138

Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Georgian government to continue the fight against corruption and state capture, as well as the promotion of public administration reform, modernisation, decentralisation, and good governance;

Or. en

Amendment 139

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Condemns the deterioration of media freedom in Georgia; urges the Georgian government to cease any political interference on media freedom and pluralism, including on social media; calls on Georgian authorities to stop the politically motivated prosecution of media workers and owners and to respond promptly and effectively investigate allegations of illegal interference and abuse of power towards representatives of the media, as well as to bring laws relating to media freedom, such as the Law on Electronic Communications, in line with international standards and recommendations by the Venice Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. *Calls on the Parliament of Georgia to ensure the harmonization of Georgian media laws with the EU Directive on Audiovisual Media Services based on the wide consensus, particularly in the context of an effective co-regulation system, suggested by CSOs and journalists' unions, which assert that ethical disputes should be resolved by a special professional council, rather than by the Georgian National Communications Commission, the role of which should not exceed its current legal mandate;*

Or. en

Amendment 141

Andrius Kubilius, Rasa Juknevičienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. *Notes that the decision of the court to convict the leaders of Lelo for Georgia party, Mamuka Khazaradze and Badri Japaridze, and using the court's verdict to strip Mr Japaridze of his parliamentary mandate raises further concerns of politicized justice and exacerbates the polarisation;*

Or. en

Amendment 142

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Condemns the increasing number of cases of intimidation, threats and violence against the persecution of journalists, including an increasing number of criminal investigations into media workers and owners;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Reminds that Georgia is heavily exposed to Russian disinformation campaigns; recalls that the best way to combat these campaigns is to protect the pluralism and independence of the press;

Or. en

Amendment 144

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Calls on the Georgian authorities to review the ongoing criminal cases against media owners or close family members of media outlets critical of the government;

Or. en

Amendment 145

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, David Lega, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Notes continued Russian disinformation campaigns targeting the Georgian society, including in the context of Russian aggression against Ukraine; calls on the EU institutions and Member States to continue strengthening cooperation with relevant Georgian institutions to address Russian disinformation and its consequences;

Or. en

Amendment 146

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Calls on Georgia to guarantee media pluralism and ensure transparency of media ownership, as well as to take action to improve media literacy and ensure the protection, safety and empowerment of journalists and other media professionals;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Stresses the importance of continuous efforts to increase Georgian society's resistance to Russian propaganda and disinformation and to attempts to influence Georgian politics and public opinion;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11d. Condemns the baseless and harmful rhetoric by high officials of the Georgian government claiming the alleged intention of international partners to “drag Georgia into the war”; regrets the unchallenged spreading of anti-EU propaganda and disinformation in Georgia and calls on the Georgian government to investigate the actors behind the coordinated anti-EU attacks;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11e. Expects that the Georgian government and authorities take their obligation seriously to provide safety to those sheltering from authoritarian regimes, following reports that non-Georgian journalists experienced harassment and government interference at the Georgian border;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11f. Underlines the emphasis the Commission's opinion gave to multi-level governance, the decentralisation process and public administration reforms to establish successful European-standard local self-government and prevent the concentration of power at the central level;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11g. Insists on the important role of decentralised cooperation between the EU and Georgia to accompany the needed

institutional reforms and ensure a sustainable integration process; recalls that granting candidate status to Georgia will have a significant impact on the consolidation of local democracy, local autonomy and decentralisation reforms crucial for the country's long-term sustainable development, in particular in terms of local governments' rights, technologies, practices, administrative and financial tools;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Condemns the violence committed against peaceful participants of the Tbilisi Pride march on 5 July 2021 and the journalists covering the event; strongly denounces the lack of diligent investigations into or prosecutions of those responsible for organising the violence; notes that six perpetrators of the violence were sentenced to a maximum of five years in prison in April 2022; calls on the authorities to ensure the protection of the human rights of vulnerable groups, such as women, the LGBTQI+ community and ethnic minorities;

Amendment

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indoors and that the police reacted in time to prevent interference and violence by groups opposing the Pride events;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 154

Andrea Bocskor, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

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investigations into or prosecutions of those responsible for organising the violence; notes that six perpetrators of the violence were sentenced to a maximum of five years in prison in April 2022; calls on the authorities to ensure the protection of the human rights of vulnerable groups ***and persons belonging to*** minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Remains concerned about the health of imprisoned former President Mikheil Saakashvili; asks EU leaders and countries holding current and upcoming EU presidency, to exert pressure on the Georgian Dream leaders to fully respect Saakashvili's rights and dignity; reminds that the government of Georgia is fully responsible for his health and well-being; invites the President of Georgia to use her constitutional prerogatives to solve this issue; regrets that the Georgian authorities refuse EU politicians to visit detained prominent public figures;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Condemns the sentencing of Nika Gvaramia, the director of the independent TV channel Mtavari, on 16 May 2022; notes that the postponement of Nika Gvaramia's appeal process is unacceptable and reiterates its call for a review of Gvaramia's conviction;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Georgian authorities to fully implement human rights and anti-discrimination legislation in practice and combat impunity for serious violations; urges for the adoption of the human rights strategy 2021-2030 and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Encourages the authorities to take steps to strengthen gender equality and to effectively implement legislation against gender-based and domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Commends the efforts of the civil society in countering Russian disinformation; notes that Russian propaganda uses the totalitarian past and the cult of Stalin as a tool of influence in Georgia; in this regard welcomes such initiatives as the Soviet Past Research Laboratory (SovLab) aiming to make a proper analysis and exploration of the Soviet totalitarian past, analysing its legacy and creating environment to reflect and debate on this complicated subject;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Urges the Georgian government to uphold the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, and calls on Georgian authorities to ensure the safety of demonstrators;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. Calls on the Georgian authorities to further improve women's representation and equal treatment at all levels of political, economic and societal life, to eradicate the inequality in the labour market and gender pay-gap, and to adopt gender-sensitive budgets at all levels of government; requests the European Commission and the Council to mainstream gender equality in all its policies, programmes and activities in relation to Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12d. Urges the Georgian government and authorities to implement measures against gender-based violence, including domestic violence and femicides, and underlines the importance of stepping up support for survivors, rehabilitation programmes for perpetrators, and awareness-raising campaigns, in particular at the local community level;

Or. en

Amendment 163

Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12e. Condemns the continued discrimination of LGBTIQ+ groups and persons, including in labour, health, social and economic areas, as well as their targeting by ultra-nationalist hate groups; demands that the Georgian authorities execute a full investigation into the latter's inciting of violence against LGBTIQ+ events, including the Tbilisi Pride March of July 2021 and Georgia's first-ever Pride Week in 2019;

Or. en

Amendment 164

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Reiterates the importance of independent oversight of Georgia's state institutions; regrets, in this respect, the dismantling of State Inspector's Service against ODIHR recommendations; highlights the positive role of the public defender of Georgia in protecting human rights, promoting good governance and strengthening the rule of law;

13. Reiterates the importance of independent oversight of Georgia's state institutions; regrets, in this respect, the dismantling of State Inspector's Service against ODIHR recommendations; highlights the positive role of the public defender of Georgia in protecting human rights, promoting good governance and strengthening the rule of law; **condemns the attempts to undermine the independence of the Public Defender of Georgia and to cast doubts over the integrity of the office and its staff; commends Nino Lomjaria, the Public Defender of Georgia, for her actions in safeguarding the freedom of media, despite regular attacks by the government;**

calls for an inclusive process regarding the selection of the new Public Defender;

Or. en

Amendment 165

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13**

Motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates the importance of independent oversight of Georgia's state institutions; regrets, in this respect, the dismantling of State Inspector's Service against ODIHR recommendations; highlights the positive role of the public defender of Georgia in protecting human rights, promoting good governance and strengthening the rule of law;

Amendment

13. Reiterates the importance of independent oversight of Georgia's state institutions; regrets, in this respect, the dismantling of State Inspector's Service against ODIHR recommendations; highlights the positive role of the public defender of Georgia in protecting human rights, promoting good governance and strengthening the rule of law; ***calls for an inclusive process of selecting the new Public Defender;***

Or. en

Amendment 166

Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13**

Motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates the importance of independent oversight of Georgia's state institutions; ***regrets***, in this respect, the dismantling of State Inspector's Service against ODIHR recommendations; highlights the positive role of the public defender of Georgia in protecting human rights, promoting good governance and

Amendment

13. Reiterates the importance of independent oversight of Georgia's state institutions; ***condemns***, in this respect, the dismantling of State Inspector's Service against ODIHR recommendations ***and without meaningful prior consultations;*** highlights the positive role of the public defender of Georgia in protecting human

strengthening the rule of law;

rights, promoting good governance and
strengthening the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Deplores the fact that the human rights situation in the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia remain dire, with ongoing restrictions to the right to freedom of movement, arbitrary detentions, abductions and deprivation of the right to residence, the right to property and the right of access to education in mother tongue; underlines the importance of people-to-people contacts and confidence-building measures between the communities divided by the conflict;

Or. en

Amendment 168

David Lega

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Underlines that violence against children in a family context, in residential care, foster care, and educational institutions remains a significant problem; calls on the Georgian authorities to work on the deinstitutionalisation strategy and action plan in line with the requirements of the

Amendment 169

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Underlines the role of the Public Defender of Georgia in safeguarding the rule of law, democratic and media freedoms; is aware of the crucial role played by this institution in overseeing the compliance of policies and actions of the executive with international human rights standards;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Emphasises the crucial role in democratic oversight of civil society organisations; calls on the European Commission and the Member States to provide political, technical and financial support to civil society and independent media;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Expresses concern regarding the number of Georgian asylum seekers in the EU and calls on the Georgian authorities to increase cooperation with their European partners and take further measures to address this issue;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Radosław Sikorski, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls on the Georgian authorities to release former president Mikheil Saakashvili from prison on humanitarian grounds in order to allow him to undergo proper medical treatment abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Deplores the erection of new Stalin statues in Georgia, including in the city of

Zestofani in 2020; stresses that the glorification of Stalin and other totalitarian communist leaders not only distorts the bloody and cruel legacy of communism, but is first and foremost an affront to its millions of victims;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj, Javier Nart

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Calls on the Georgian authorities to release former president Mikhail Saakashvili, whose health has severely deteriorated since he was arrested in October 2021 on his return from exile, from prison on humanitarian grounds;

Or. en

Amendment 175

David Lega

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Commends the Georgian government for creating the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee for the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, under the responsibility of the Prime Minister;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Calls on Georgia to restrict the use of strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs) targeting human rights defenders and media representatives and thereby inhibiting their critical and independent work;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Welcomes the adoption of labour law reforms and calls on the government of Georgia to further improve Georgia's framework for protecting labour rights, including by ensuring an effective Labour Inspection system with adequate competences, capacities and resources, improving core labour legislation to bring it fully in line with ILO standards and EU regulations, enacting a minimum wage in consultation with social partners and labour rights organisations, developing effective social protection schemes for workers, and creating an action plan for the formalisation of the informal sector;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Underlines that Georgia's unique geographical location represents an important link within the EU Global Gateway through the Economic and Investment Plan and the flagship projects identified by the Plan aimed at, among others, building transport and energy links from Central Asia and Azerbaijan through Georgia to the EU; however, expresses concerns with the level of China's investments in Georgia's infrastructure, in particular strategic ports; therefore calls to move forward with infrastructural projects of strategic importance for developing regional transportation and trade; in this regard expresses its hope that Georgia will accelerate construction of the Anaklia Deep Sea Port, in line with Georgia's strategic Euro-Atlantic objectives; is concerned, however, about the numerous obstacles of administrative and political nature that continue to hinder the project, as well as with signs of Russian interference;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Encourages the Georgian

authorities to boost the participation of SMEs in the DCFTA, notably by increasing communication about the opportunities offered by the DCFTA, by enhancing access to export facilities and by making the best possible use of the existing Commission programs ENPARD Georgia and EU4Business;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Notes that, according to expert evaluations, the DCFTA has had a positive impact on legislative approximation and institutional development, but it only had a modest impact on trade between the EU and Georgia; calls on the Commission to review the DCFTA's potential to increase trade volumes between the EU and Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Recalls that DCFTAs must always include strong, binding and enforceable sustainable development chapters, that

*fully respect international commitments,
in particular the Paris Agreement, and to
be compliant with WTO rules;*

Or. en

Amendment 182

**Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj,
Javier Nart**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14a. Calls on the Georgian government
to step up its efforts to increase and
sustain socio-economic development in
order to ensure a rising level of income
and regional development;***

Or. en

Amendment 183

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14b. Further encourages the Georgian
authorities to consider that the joint
imposition of sanctions against Russia
which invaded Georgia and Ukraine and
occupies 20 per cent of their territories,
constitutes an historic opportunity to
ultimately cut ties with the Russian
Federation in particular in terms of trade
and economic dependency; calls on the
EU and Georgia to fully exploit potential
of the DCFTA and future pre-accession
funds to mitigate adverse effects of such***

shift/transition;

simultaneously expresses its concerns that the growing number of the Russian entities which moved to Georgia after the invasion on Ukraine may lead to a diametrically opposite effect and undermine the efforts set out in AA;

calls on the Georgian government to increase the control over Russian money flows and investments in the country and to join EU's anti-money laundering efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Petras Auštrevičius, Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu, Klemen Grošelj

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Stresses the importance for Georgia to align to the EU sanctions imposed on Russia as a result of its unprovoked and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine; notes the influx of Russian citizens to Georgia since the start of the war, including registration of some 7,500 Russian companies, and urges the Georgian authorities to take precautionary measures to ensure that these entities are not able to circumvent the sanctions and support the criminal Putin regime;

Or. en

Amendment 185

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Calls on the Commission to support the full implementation of the DCFTA through coordinated assistance, with a focus on support for SMEs and structural reforms, including development of quality infrastructure to facilitate efficient implementation of the approximated legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Calls on the Georgian authorities to undertake crucial steps to unbundle and certify the electricity and gas transmission system operators in order to accelerate the development of renewables and reduce the energy dependence on Russian fossil fuels in line with the REPowerEU Plan;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Calls on the Commission to support the full implementation of the

DCFTA through coordinated assistance, with a focus on support for SMEs and structural reforms, including development of quality infrastructure to facilitate efficient implementation of the approximated legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Regrets the continued delays in the development of the Anaklia Deep Sea Port following the Georgian Government's cancellation of the project contract with the Anaklia Development Consortium (ADC) in 2020; is deeply concerned by the Panama Papers revelations concerning Bidzina Ivanishvili's investment in the rival Poti port project and the impact of vested interests on key projects as well as overall investors' confidence in Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 189

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Calls on the Commission to support creation of a common roaming space between Georgia and the EU

through coordinated assistance with a focus on gradual reduction of international roaming tariffs between Georgia and the EU in line with the EU regulations thus protecting consumers' rights, as well as assisting gradual approximation of Georgia to the EU acquis and contributing to Georgia's European integration process;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Calls on Georgia to further enhance its engagement in the fight against climate change and the protection of the environment, including through further legislative alignment with the acquis and the European Green Deal policies as well as strengthening Georgia's administration to enable the green transition;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Encourages the intention and efforts of Georgia aimed at joining the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA);

Amendment 192

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14d. Regrets that Georgian SMEs export to the EU remains limited as the full potential of the DCFTA opportunities is not utilised; calls on the Georgian government to explore ways to boost SMEs trade with the EU, such as establishing laboratories in Georgia for EU certification of SPS and TBT standards;

Amendment 193

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls on the Commission and the Council to establish enhanced and structured political dialogue with Georgia and other candidate and potential candidate countries in order to advance further economic integration and legislative harmonisation; this dialogue should include meetings on the margins of the European Council with leaders of the countries, and regular participation of their representatives in the meetings of the European Council working groups and committees on structured basis, and to include the countries as observers in

*the proceedings of the committees
established pursuant to Article 291 TFEU
and Regulation (EU) No 182/2011, to
strengthen the countries' reform
orientation and administrative know-how;*

Or. en

Amendment 194

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*15a. Welcomes Georgia's strong
commitment to starting the process of
becoming the Third Country Associated to
Erasmus+ Programme and encourages
Georgia's participation in the new
Horizon Europe Program in order to
make use of the opportunities for the
Georgian scientific and innovation
community;*

Or. en

Amendment 195

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*15b. Calls the European Commission
and Georgia to consider increasing the
number of Trans-European Transport
Network (TEN-T) projects in Georgia; at
the same time is concerned with the*

growing Chinese investments in the strategic infrastructure, such as ports;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Calls on the Commission to extend “Roam-like-at-home” Regulation to Georgia, which has the potential to bring significant benefits for EU and Georgian businesses and citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15c. Calls on the Commission to support creation of a common roaming space between Georgia and the EU through coordinated assistance with a focus on gradual reduction of international roaming tariffs between Georgia and the EU in line with the EU regulations thus protecting consumers’ rights, as well as assisting gradual approximation of Georgia to the EU acquis and contributing to Georgia’s European integration process;

Or. en

Amendment 198

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15c. Encourages European Commission, ENTSO-E and Georgia to assess prospects of synchronization of Georgian electricity grid with the European Continental Grid and inclusion of Georgia in Continental Europe Synchronous Area (CESA);

Or. en

Amendment 199

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15c. Underlines Georgia's role as a significant contributor to the EU crisis management (CSDP) operations;

Or. en

Amendment 200

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15d. Calls for an increased assistance and enhanced partnership in the area of security and defence with Georgia as declared in the EU Strategic Compass, including through the European Peace Facility; welcomes EU's commitment and determination to support Georgia in countering hybrid threats;

Or. en

Amendment 201

Anna Fotyga

on behalf of the ECR Group

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Assita Kanko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15d. Is concerned with a growing import of Russian gas and energy products by Georgia, a step which is in stark contradiction with EU's current efforts to diversify energy sources and stop imports from Russia;

Or. en

Amendment 202

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15e. Calls on the Council and the EEAS to further engage with Georgia on the CSDP, particularly in view of Georgia's interest in discussing the possibility of participating in PESCO projects and in developing cooperation

with the relevant EU agencies, with a view to enhancing Georgia's resilience;

Or. en

Amendment 203

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15e. Reiterates support to the human capital development, strengthening private sector role in Vocational education system management and addressing skills mismatch for better employment possibilities;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15f. Welcomes Georgia's strong commitment to starting the process of becoming the Third Country Associated to Erasmus+ Programme and encourages Georgia's participation in the new Horizon Europe Program in order to make use of the opportunities for the Georgian scientific and innovation community;

Or. en

Amendment 205

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15g. Calls the European Commission and Georgia to consider increasing the number of Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) projects in Georgia in order to increase EU-Georgia connectivity;

Or. en

Amendment 206

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15h. Encourages European Commission, ENTSO-E and Georgia to start working on synchronization of Georgian electricity grid with the European Continental Grid and on the inclusion of Georgia in Continental Europe Synchronous Area (CESA);

Or. en

Amendment 207

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the importance of enhanced transport, energy and digital connectivity as a means of making full use of the geographical and economic potential of Georgia;

Amendment

16. Underlines the importance of enhanced transport, energy and digital connectivity as a means of making full use of the geographical and economic potential of Georgia ***at all levels, especially in the medium, small sized and rural municipalities;***

Or. en

Amendment 208

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Welcomes the adoption of the national cybersecurity strategy and action plan 2021-2024; calls on Georgian authorities to work with the EU on strengthening the country's cyber resilience in line with the EU's best practices and legislation, notably the EU Directive on security of network and information systems;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on Georgia to improve its energy sector and connectivity, while ensuring environmental sustainability, in particular preservation of biodiversity and

protected sites, during the implementation process, also taking into account local community's needs;

Or. en

Amendment 210

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on the European Commission to enhance its role in facilitating communication between the Georgian government, the civil society and SMEs and to distribute core funds to the civil society to boost capacity building and expertise; welcomes and supports the continuation of the Commission programs ENPARD Georgia and EU4Business that supports the development of local civil societies, rural and SMEs development;

Or. en

Amendment 211

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Welcomes Georgia's association to Horizon Europe, the EU's research and innovation programme for 2021-2027, which opens up new opportunities for the Georgian scientific and innovation community, and Georgia's commitment to starting the process of becoming the Third Country Associated to Erasmus+

Programme;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Calls on the Commission to support the efforts of Georgia to position the country as a regional hub for digital connectivity and digital services and promote its digital sovereignty by developing strategic international connectivity and digital services corridors between Europe and various parts of Asia via Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 213

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Welcomes the European assistance programmes in support of digitalisation, such as EU4Digital and EaP Connect, but also highlights the necessity and the efforts made for accessible digital connectivity, notably in rural areas; therewith welcomes the investment initiative for fast broadband for rural settlements;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Sven Mikser, Nacho Sánchez Amor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. Calls on the Commission to support the creation of a common roaming space between Georgia and the EU through coordinated assistance with a focus on gradual reduction of international roaming tariffs between Georgia and the EU in line with the EU regulations thus protecting consumers' rights, as well as assisting gradual approximation of Georgia to the EU acquis and contributing to Georgia's European integration process;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. Urges the European Commission, the Member States and Georgia to increase cooperation on public health resilience, including cooperation between public health authorities, research facilities, and emergency capabilities, as well as to exchange best practice and work with civil society on establishing epidemic strategies focusing on the most vulnerable groups, including the elderly, homeless, seasonal workers, and migrants;

Amendment 216
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16e. Calls for the swift adoption of Georgia's overarching national strategy on public health for 2022-2030 and the accompanying action plan, as well as the new mental-health strategy for 2022-2030 and the accompanying action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Markéta Gregorová
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Reaffirms its commitment to supporting Georgia's parliamentary democracy through capacity development;

17. Reaffirms its commitment to supporting Georgia's parliamentary democracy through capacity development **and reiterates that the Jean Monnet Dialogue is the prime instrument of cooperation between the European and Georgian parliaments;**

Or. en

Amendment 218
Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Welcomes the signing of the Jean Monnet Dialogue between the European Parliament and the Georgian Parliament; regrets the delays in implementing the JMD; reiterates the European Parliament's commitment and calls on the Georgian Parliament to start the process as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Miriam Lexmann, Vladimír Bilčík, Michael Gahler, Rasa Juknevičienė, Andrius Kubilius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Deplores and condemns the personal attacks against Members of the European Parliament by representatives of the Georgian Dream party; considers these attacks unacceptable and damaging to the mutual relationship between Georgia and the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Andrea Bocskor, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Welcomes the agreement between European Commission and Georgia on

granting Georgia association status to Horizon Europe, the EU's research and innovation programme (2021-2027) signed on 7 December 2021, which helps to strengthen the relationship between the EU and Georgia; furthermore, it can contribute to the strengthening and growth of the country's economy.

Or. en