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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled for the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

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on Georgia

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**European parliament resolution on Georgia**

*The European parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on South Caucasus and Georgia
- having regard to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and Georgia;
- having regard to the parliamentary elections of 2 November 2003 in Georgia;
- having regard to the resignation of President Edvard Shevardnadze, 23 November 2003;
- having regard to the annulment of the elections by the Supreme Court of Georgia;
- having regard the new presidential election which are anticipated for 4 January 2004
- having regard to the fact that the scheduling of parliamentary elections is not yet decided;
  - a. whereas the OSCE, the Council of Europe and the EP ad hoc delegation stated that the elections fell short of international standards; whereas the conflict which arose after the elections was resolved in a peaceful way;
  - b. whereas the people of Georgia was not only dissatisfied by the elections, but have shown their abhorrence of distrust, corruption and lack of transparency in the previous government;
  - c. whereas Georgia is in a deep economic crisis with serious social consequences
  - d. whereas the peace process in Abkhazia and South Ossetia is in a deadlock and new conflicts arise between the autonomous Republic of Adzharia and the new Tbilisi authorities;
  - e. whereas Georgia lies in a region of strategic importance and foreign influence on the developments is extremely high
- 1. Congratulates the people of Georgia on the peaceful way for the resolution of the conflict;
- 2. Calls for free, fair and transparent elections of a new Parliament in Georgia as soon as possible, including in Abkhazia and South Ossetia;
- 3. Welcomes the grant agreed by the Presidency in office for the organisation of the Presidential elections on 4 January 2004;
- 4. Calls on the new authorities to create the conditions for a full return to democracy and the setting up of credible and reliable institutions; calls on the Commission to assist

the Georgian authorities by means of the TACIS-democracy programmes for Georgia with regard, in particular, to the consolidation of democratic institutions, the development and strengthening of the civil society and the support for independent media;

5. Calls on all parties to the conflicts in Abkhazia, South Ossetia and the autonomous Republic of Adzharia to take this opportunity to contribute to a peaceful and democratic development of Georgia;
6. Refuses any international interference into the beginning process of democratisation of Georgia;
7. Points to the fact that Georgia needs international short term humanitarian help and midterm assistance in order to overcome the economic crisis; calls on the Commission to report to the European Parliament about its activities and strategy towards Georgia;
8. Welcomes the appointment of an EU Council Special Representative for the South Caucasus, as calls by the European Parliament, but regrets his limited mandate and resources;
9. Requests its President to transmit this resolution to the Council, to the Commission, to the Acting President of Georgia, to the OSCE, and to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and to the Government of the Russian Federation.