



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on the killing of Tamaz Ginturi, a Georgian citizen, by Russia's occupying forces in Georgia
(2023/2981(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the killing of Tamaz Ginturi, a Georgian citizen, by Russia's occupying forces in Georgia (2023/2981(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Georgia,
 - having regard to the EEAS statement of 7 November 2023 on the killing and detention of Georgian citizens in Kirbali,
 - having regard to the joint statement of the European Parliament's Chair of the Delegation for relations with the South Caucasus and the Standing Rapporteur on Georgia of 7 November 2023 on the killing and abduction of Georgian citizens by Russian border guards in Kirbali,
 - having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure.
- A. whereas Georgian citizen Tamaz Ginturi was murdered by the Russian occupation forces and Levan Dotiashvili was detained and transferred to so-called "custody" in the occupied Tskhinvali/South Ossetia region when they were heading for a local church that Russian occupation forces have been denying ethnic Georgians access to since June this year;
- B. whereas this tragic event is yet another illustration of Russia's blatant disregard for international law and human life and the perils faced by Georgian citizens living along the Administrative Boundary Line with the occupied Georgian region of Tskhinvali / South Ossetia;
- C. whereas Russia continues its illegal occupation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali/South Ossetia in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia, as well as the EU-mediated ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008;
1. Condemns the killing of Georgian citizen Tamaz Gituri and the abduction of Levan Dotiashvili by Russian occupation forces in the vicinity of the Administrative Boundary Line with the occupied Georgian region of Tskhinvali / South Ossetia;
 2. Condemns any violation of human rights in the occupied territories of Georgia and calls on Russia to respects its obligations under international law as well as international humanitarian law and to provide unrestricted access to the occupied regions of Georgia, in particular for the local population and international human rights organisations;
 3. Reiterates its unwavering support to the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognised borders;

4. Reiterates its call on the Russian Federation, as the country exercising de facto control over the occupied regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali / South Ossetia, to reverse its illegal recognition of the two Georgian regions, to halt the 'borderisation' process, to bring to justice the perpetrators of serious human rights violations, and to fulfil its obligations under the 2008 EU-mediated ceasefire agreement, notably by withdrawing its forces and to grant the EUMM unhindered access to the occupied regions;
5. Underlines the need for a peaceful resolution of the conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the activities of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM) and the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission/ High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and to the President, Government and Parliament of Georgia.