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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 Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 6 November, Georgian citizen Tamaz Ginturi was killed by the Russian occupying forces in the vicinity of the Tskhinvali/South Ossetian Administrative Boundary Line (ABL), village of Kirbali;
- B. whereas another Georgian citizen, Levan Dotiashvili, was illegally detained by the Russian occupying forces and later handed over to Georgia; whereas the two citizens were attacked while visiting the Lomisi local church, access to which is being denied by the occupying forces;
- C. whereas continued ethnic discrimination, illegal detentions and kidnappings, impunity for the deprivation of life of Georgian citizens in the Russian-occupied territories of Georgia, the installation of barbed wire fences, and the lengthy closure of the ABL, cause extreme suffering and increase the risk of escalation;
- 1. Condemns in the strongest terms the killing of Tamaz Ginturi by Russian occupying forces and extends condolences to his family; calls on a thorough investigation into the murder to bring those responsible to justice;
- 2. Strongly condemns the illegal occupation of Georgia's Tskhinvali/South Ossetia and Abkhazia regions and the continued illegal 'borderisation' and passportization activities in violation of international law and the EU-mediated ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008; expresses deep concern over the dire security, humanitarian and human rights situation in those regions;
- 3. Strongly denounces illegal detentions and kidnappings of Georgian citizens by the occupying forces, including the abduction of Levan Dotiashvili, and the restrictions on the freedom of movement; demands the release of all Georgian citizens remaining in illegal custody of the occupation regime;
- 4. Reiterates its unwavering support to the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognised borders;
- 5. Calls on the Russian Federation to withdraw all its military and security personnel from Georgia's occupied territories back to the pre-2008 conflict positions, allow the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM) unhindered access to the whole territory of Georgia, cease human rights abuses and bring the perpetrators of human rights violations to justice;
- 6. Reiterates its call on the EU to consider establishing restrictive measures against persons responsible for crimes against Georgian citizens in the occupied territories of Georgia, as

proposed in Georgia adopted Otkhozoria-Tatunashvili list, and to seek justice against them;

7. Calls for the continuation of efforts to achieve a negotiated peaceful resolution of the conflict, including through the Geneva International Discussions, the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanisms, activities of the EUMM and the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus;
8. Denounces heavy Russian interference efforts in Georgian domestic politics going against the aspirations of the Georgian people;
9. Notes the Commission recommendation to the Council of 8 November to grant EU candidate status to Georgia; calls on the Government of Georgia to step up its actions to meet the Copenhagen criteria; stresses the importance of free and fair parliamentary elections next year;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, Commission, HR/VP, governments and parliaments of Georgia and the Russian Federation.