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Subject: The Amnesty Law in Georgia

During the protest in Tbilisi against the visit of Russian MP Sergey Gavrilov to the Georgian parliament in 2019, 275 people were injured. To this day, only seven demonstrators have been granted victim status.

Currently the Georgian parliament is discussing legislation based on the first paragraph of the April 2021 mediation document. As presented by the ruling party, the proposed bill will grant amnesty to all of the politicians that approved public order measures, as well as to violent law enforcement officers, for all crimes committed between 19 and 21 June 2019.

Moreover, under this proposal, the amnesty will lead to the termination of criminal cases pending before the prosecutor's office. It thus decreases victims' chances of being identified and acknowledged as such, making it impossible for them to access the evidence that could be the basis for cases in domestic and international courts.

- 1. Will the Council address this situation, which is occurring on the basis of the agreement that the Council helped to reach with Georgia?
- What will the Council do to protect the rights of activists who continue to fight for victim status in order to obtain compensation for physical and moral damage, regardless of the deal and the amnesty?