

Question for written answer E-002515/2022

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Rejection of Georgia's candidacy to the European Union

On 3 March 2022, Georgia officially submitted its application for membership of the European Union. On 17 June 2022, the Commission suggested that Georgia be given the opportunity to become a member on the condition that it address twelve recommendations. On 23 June 2022, the European Council agreed to the Commission's recommendations.

I would therefore like to ask:

1. Given that approval for Ukraine can only be symbolic, wouldn't it have been a better strategy to extend the same courtesy to Georgia?
2. What measures will the Vice-President / High Representative take to ensure that the Georgian Government and people do not lose faith in the European Union, and do not feel obliged to fall into Russia's orbit?