

**Question for written answer E-000821/2023**

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

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Subject: Law on 'transparency of foreign influence' in Georgia

On 7 March, the Georgian Parliament overwhelmingly adopted a new law on 'transparency of foreign influence', despite strong criticism from civil society and European partners.

On the pretext of promoting transparency, the draft law effectively stigmatises and restricts the work of civil society organisations and the media. Protests organised by civil society in the capital Tbilisi were met with violence by the security forces.

1. Against a backdrop of growing populism and anti-European sentiment, how does the European Union plan to ensure that Georgia, a country seeking EU membership, does not distance itself from European values?
2. What financial and logistical support has been given to Georgia over the last 10 years to promote democracy, the rule of law and human rights?

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