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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 6**

**Draft opinion**  
**Markéta Gregorová**  
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Annual implementing report on the EU association agreement with Georgia  
(2021/2236(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the positive Georgian progress in implementing the DCFTA, notably the approximation to the EU law for deepening economic integration into the single market, further welcomes that the EU is the leading trade partner of Georgia, as around 21% of its total trade takes place with the EU;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the positive Georgian progress in implementing the ***Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area*** (DCFTA), notably the approximation to the EU law for deepening economic integration into the single market, further welcomes that the EU is the leading trade partner of Georgia, as around 21% of its total trade takes place with the EU;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***2a. Reiterates its calls to reduce the political polarisation in the country which is of key essence for Georgia's European path;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2b. Highlights that after the Commission's 17 June recommendations at least 60 000 people took to the streets of Tbilisi to demonstrate their commitment to Georgia's European future; notes that according to the National Democratic Institute's (NDI) survey of January***

***2022, 83% of Georgians approve joining the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4  
Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls on the Georgian government to steadily continue the working on approximating the rule of law standards, particularly those ensuring transparency, an independent judiciary system and good governance and its proper reform implementation; in addition, calls on the Commission to closely monitor the development of the rule of law situation, ***and to explore the possibilities to or limit the direct funding and even suspending the MFA if the situation further deteriorates;***

*Amendment*

3. Calls on the Georgian government to steadily continue the working on approximating the rule of law standards, particularly those ensuring transparency, an independent judiciary system and good governance and its proper reform implementation; in addition, calls on the Commission to closely monitor the development of the rule of law situation ***in line with the Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) obligations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5  
Markéta Gregorová  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a. Welcomes the European assistance programmes in support of digitalisation (e.g., EU4Digital, EaP Connect), environment (e.g., EU4Climate, EU4Environment) and youth (EU4 Youth, Vocational Education and Training); also highlights the necessity and the efforts made for accessible digital connectivity, notably in rural areas, therewith welcomes the investment initiative for fast broadband for rural settlements;**

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

9. Calls on Georgia to enhance its engagement in the fight against climate change and the EU Commission to facilitate Georgian participation in the European Green Deal and to ensure that the DCFTA doesn't contradict climate imperatives, social and environmental objectives and initiatives set out therein;

**9. Emphasises that in its RePowerEU Plan, the EU wishes to swiftly reduce its dependence on Russian fossil fuels and to accelerate the green transition; highlights that in line with the RePowerEU Plan, the EU should further support Georgia in ensuring reliable and sustainable energy; calls on Georgia to enhance its engagement in the fight against climate change and the EU Commission to facilitate Georgian participation in the European Green Deal and to ensure that the DCFTA doesn't contradict climate imperatives, social and environmental objectives and initiatives set out therein;**

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