

**Priority question for written answer P-002102/2023/rev.1
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: The rapidly deteriorating health of former President of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili

In its resolution of 15 February 2023 on the situation of the former President of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili¹, Parliament called on the Commission to become more actively involved in securing the release of former President Saakashvili and enabling him to receive proper medical treatment abroad. On 27 February 2023, the EU approached the Government of Georgia and requested permission for EU medical experts to examine Mr Saakashvili. Despite multiple appeals, there have been no positive developments regarding Mr Saakashvili's treatment and medical care.

1. How does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy assess Tbilisi's reaction to the EU's demarche, for example, is Tbilisi showing sufficient willingness to engage on this matter and cooperate on ensuring Mr Saakashvili's right to proper treatment and medical care?
2. How will Tbilisi's conduct be reflected in the Commission's official assessment of Georgia's progress towards EU candidate status?
3. What further steps does the EU plan to take concerning Mr Saakashvili's well-being?

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¹ Texts adopted: P9_TA(2023)0046.