



Resolution of the Parliament of Georgia on Georgia's Integration into the European Union

The Parliament of Georgia:

Having regard to the Constitution of Georgia, international treaties, legislative and sub-legislative normative acts, including the resolutions of the Parliament of Georgia “On the Main Directions of Georgia's Foreign Policy” of 7 March 2013, “On Georgia's Foreign Policy” of 29 December 2016 and 25 December 2020;

Guided by the unwavering will and the historic choice of the citizens of Georgia to integrate into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures, enshrined in Article 78 of the Constitution of Georgia, to take all measures “to ensure the full integration of Georgia into the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization”;

Considers the aspiration of citizens of Georgia to become a fully-fledged member of the European Union (EU), as an integral part of the European civilization and bearer of the European values,

Declares that, since the restoration of independence of Georgia, the integration into the European Union has been a driving force for its democratic development and economic transformation and the main foreign policy priority;

Welcomes the significant progress made by Georgia in fulfilling its commitments following the signature of the Georgia-EU Association Agreement in 2014, and notes that Georgia remains a committed partner of the EU and a pillar of democracy in the region;

Highlights that the implementation of Georgia-EU Association Agreement, including the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, is a significant basis for strengthening prosperity and stability in the country, as well as for Georgia's full integration into the European Union;

Welcomes the visa liberalisation with the EU in 2017 and granting visa-free travel to Georgian citizens to the Schengen Area, calls on the Government of Georgia to continue to actively work with the EU institutions, as well as the EU Member States/countries of the Schengen Area, to facilitate smooth functioning of visa-free travel and the legal employment of Georgian citizens in the EU.

In view of all the above, the Parliament of Georgia:

Calls on the Government of Georgia to strengthen its efforts towards Georgia's European integration and implement the Georgia-EU Association Agreement, in order to duly prepare Georgia for the EU membership;

Calls on the Government of Georgia and the European Union to facilitate increased Georgia's participation in the EU programmes and agencies, as well as to accelerate Georgia's integration into the European Economic Area;

Calls on the Government of Georgia to be actively involved with the EU and partner countries in implementing projects that, considering the geographic location of Georgia, will enhance transportation links of Georgia with the EU as well as with partner countries, including through the development of connectivity among the Black Sea countries.

Calls on the European Union to ensure a high-level engagement in strengthening Georgia's territorial integrity and sovereignty as well as promoting peace and stability in Georgia and the region, and enhance its efforts to ensure access of the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) to the occupied territories of Georgia in order to monitor the implementation of the 12 August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement as per its mandate;

Calls on the European Union to ensure that the decision of 7 December 2020 of the EU Foreign Affairs Council applies the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime to those responsible for human rights violations in the occupied territories of Georgia in order to halt human rights violations and illegal detentions on the occupied territories of Georgia.

Calls on the EU Member States and the EU institutions, based on the application submitted by the Government of Georgia on 3 March 2022 for the membership into the European Union and considering the decision made by the European Council on 10 March 2022, to take all necessary steps to accelerate Georgia's accession to the European Union pursuant to Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).

Tbilisi, 15 March 2022