



Joint Statement of the Georgian Democratic Political Forces

We, the democratic political forces of Georgia

- Guided by the national interests of Georgia;
- Remaining faithful to the historic geopolitical choice of the people of Georgia, enshrined in Article 78 of the Constitution of Georgia;
- Taking into account that the parliamentary elections of 26 October, 2024 were deeply flawed and held in total violation of the constitutional principles and democratic norms and standards;
- Noting, along with the international community, that the results of these “elections” do not reflect the will of the people of Georgia;
- Sharing the strongly negative assessment of local (ISFED, GYLA, WeVote) and international (OSCE/ODIHR, PACE and IRI) observation missions; and the spirit of the resolution of the European Parliament on Georgia on 28 November, 2024;
- Reaffirming that the Georgian Dream “Parliament” as well as the “President” elected by this “Parliament” are illegitimate and do not reflect the will of the people of Georgia;
- Condemning the statement of Irakli Kobakhidze, on 28 November, 2024, regarding the suspension of Georgia’s EU integration process;
- Noting and condemning the crackdown, illegal detention, torture, and inhuman treatment of civilians participating in continuous protests since 28 November, 2024;

We call upon friends and partners of Georgia and the entire international community to act firmly and decisively against the self-proclaimed regime of the oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili and the Georgian Dream by implementing the following course:

1. **Non-Recognition Policy:** Refrain from recognizing the self-proclaimed regime of the Georgian Dream as a legitimate government of Georgia. Refrain from recognizing, in any form, the legitimacy of the “parliament” convened on 25 November, 2024, the “president” and the “ministers” approved by the same self-declared “parliament.” Instead, treat the regime - and refer to it - as a self-proclaimed regime of the Georgian Dream that has usurped the will of the Georgian people;
2. **Sanctions for Accountability:** Continue imposing targeted sanctions on Georgian Dream officials responsible for democratic backsliding, electoral fraud, state-sponsored terror, mass human rights violations, and the persecution of political opponents and activists;

3. **International Inquiry:** Continue pressing the Georgian Dream regime by Human Dimension Mechanisms in OSCE; use the Council of Europe and UN monitoring mechanisms to investigate details of the crackdown, illegal detention, torture, and inhuman and degrading treatment of civilians participating in continuous protests since 28 November, 2024, as well as the mechanism used by Georgian Dream to falsify 26 October elections;
4. **Political Isolation:** To signal the Georgian Dream’s ostracization from the global democratic community, cease invitations for official visits and participation in international events and forums involving Georgian Dream representatives. Do not recognize the credentials of the Georgian Dream delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE);
5. **Financial Restrictions:** Suspend all financial support and strategic partnerships with the Georgian Dream regime to prevent enabling its anti-democratic actions;
6. **Diplomatic Engagement:** Direct ambassadors and representatives accredited to Georgia to avoid formal recognition and abstain from all political engagement with the representatives of the self-proclaimed regime. Refuse to issue *agrément*s to new ambassadors appointed by the self-proclaimed regime;
7. **Call for Elections and Releases:** To restore legitimate governance, advocate for the immediate release of all political prisoners charged with administrative or criminal “offenses” and the conduct of free, fair, and transparent parliamentary elections;
8. **Parliamentary Advocacy:** Convene hearings and pass resolutions in your national parliaments to keep international attention focused on Georgia and its democratic struggles;
9. **Support for Civil Society:** Strengthen collaboration with Georgia’s critical media, civil society organizations, and opposition groups to foster resilience against authoritarianism;
10. **Continue to Recognize the Incumbent President of Georgia:** An illegitimate parliament cannot elect a legitimate president. In the absence of legitimate presidential elections, the serving President of Georgia, Salome Zourabichvili, should be recognized as the president and the sole legitimate representative of Georgia in international relations.

