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Reply to the ECPRD Request 6116 The offering of a financial advantage in exchange for the resignation of a seat in parliament

With regard to the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the answers to the following questions are as follows:

- 1) Is there any legislation or other form of regulation, such as a code of conduct, that prohibits i. a Member of Parliament from accepting a financial advantage on the condition that they resign their seat;
- ii. the act of offering such a proposal, including by individuals from the member's own party.
 - 2) If so, what does the regulation entail, and how is it enforced?

There is no such regulation in the Republic of Lithuania or any known cases of instances of offering a financial advantage to MP on the condition that they resign his/her seat.

Under Article 59 of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, while in office, the Members of the Seimas shall follow the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the interests of the State, as well as their own consciences, and may not be restricted by any mandates.

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