

Georgia's EU and NATO integration

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Stockholm, Sweden on 26-28 May 2023:

Reaffirms:

- Unwavering support for Georgia's ambitions to become a member of the EU and NATO;
- Steadfast support for Georgia to be granted EU candidacy status, following the accomplishment of the 12 recommendations proposed by the EU Commission.

Recalls that:

- on February 28, 2022, the Council enacted Decision (CFSP) 2022/335, amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP. This Decision introduced more stringent measures forbidding Russian air carriers and any Russian or non-Russian registered aircraft, owned, chartered, or otherwise controlled by any Russian entity, from landing in, taking off from, or overflying the territory of the Union.

Regrets:

- The Georgian Government's decision to restart direct air flights to and from the Russia;
- The Georgian Civil Aviation Agency's decision to permit Russian airlines to maintain daily flights between Russia and Georgia;
- The statements of the Georgian officials blaming the West and EU for wanting to “drag” Georgia into the war thus undermining the public image of the EU and spreading the disinformation, which only suits the Russian government.
- The action by Georgia’s border police to allow family members of Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov to enter the country, despite them being under Western sanctions;
- Georgian government’s position to deepen the cooperation with Russia.

Calls on the Georgian Government and the ruling Party “Georgian Dream”:

- to align with the sanctions imposed by the EU and other countries against Russia in the aviation sector, and to be vigilant against potential attempts to evade these sanctions;

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- to stop sabotaging the process of EU and NATO integration through not fulfilling 12 recommendations set by EU commission and maintaining oligarchic rule of Bidzina Ivanishvili;
- To stop flirting with the Russian government by proactively deepening economic and political ties;
- To stop anti-Western propaganda and disinformation campaigns;
- To stop political prosecutions and release Lazare Grigoriadis, Nika Gvaramia and Mikheil Saakashvili.

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