

Democracy Under Siege: A Call to Defend Georgia's European Path

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party, convening in Helsinki, Finland on June 27–28, 2025:

Emphasises:

- The resolution 'Essential Fair Election Standards and Democratic Reforms in Georgia for EU Integration' adopted at the ALDE congress in Estoril 2024.
- The Georgian people's unwavering commitment to a pro-European and democratic future.
- That Georgian Dream is solely responsible for democratic backsliding, including adoption of anti-democratic legislation and the fraudulent 2024 elections, human rights violations, and the derailing of Georgia's Euro-Atlantic path by halting EU integration.

Condemns:

- As of today, politically motivated convictions of ALDE party leaders Zurab Girchi Japaridze (Girchi - More Freedom), Giorgi Vashadze (Strategy Aghmashenebeli), Badri Japaridze and Mamuka Khazaradze (Lelo), Nika Melia and Givi Targamadze all sentenced to 7+ months of prison and barred from taking office for two years.
- The detention of opposition politicians Nika Gvaramia (leader of Ahali party) and Irakli Okruashvili.
- Human rights violations, repression of peaceful demonstrators, and the prosecution of over 60 activists.
- The disinformation campaigns and hostile rhetoric against EU institutions and representatives.
- The adoption of anti-democratic legislation such as the Foreign Agent laws, targeting civil society, free press and fundamental freedoms, and the "Successor Parties" law against political parties other than GD, de facto banning them from running for office.

Calls for:

- The immediate, unconditional release of all political prisoners, including political leaders, journalists and peaceful protesters.
- New, free and fair parliamentary elections by the end of 2025, overseen by an impartial election administration.
- The revocation of anti-democratic legislation targeting freedom of expression, association, and media.
- Targeted EU/national sanctions, visa restrictions, and financial measures against Bidzina Ivanishvili, his cronies, Georgian Dream officials, propagandists, police and prosecutors, corrupt judges, and their families.
- Representatives and office holders of ALDE member parties and EU liberal partners to not engage with Georgian Dream representatives, except addressing human rights and democratic violations concerns and without legitimising Georgian Dream, until the above conditions are met.